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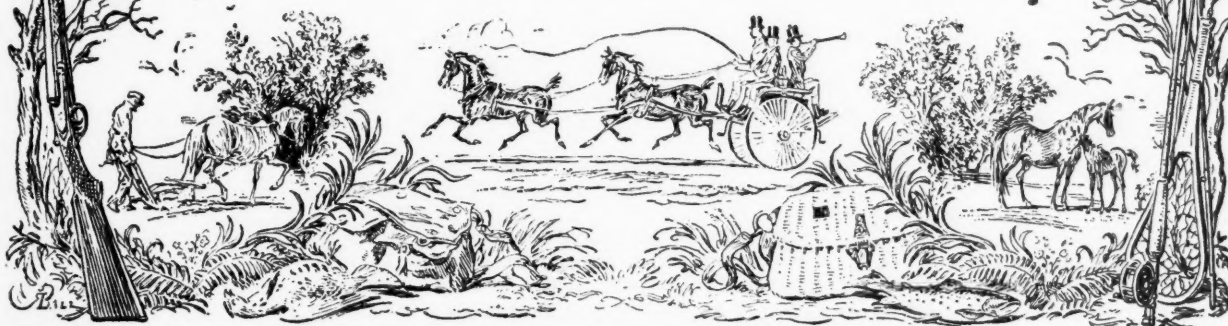
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### THE SECRETARY OF FOXHOUNDS

Shortly after these lines appear in print there will be held in New York the annual meeting of the Masters of Foxhounds Association. There will be much business to transact, many problems to discuss. The great majority of these problems will stem from one factor, however, the difficulty of finding enough hours in the day for a Master to do his job properly. Due to the attentions of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, there is less and less leisure left in this country. By the same token there are fewer and fewer foxhunters who are able to underwrite the expense of a pack of hounds.

All this adds up to the fact that in 1954 our Masters will have to get more help, both in time and in money. To a considerable extent the money problem is being met by extra activities—hunt balls, race meetings and the like. Although this is a good solution it does require the over-all expenditure of a great deal more time. Furthermore it is the sort of time that the Master can delegate and that he should not be expected to assume himself.

In England the hunt official who has largely taken over such matters is the Hunt Secretary. The duties of Hunt Secretaries in this country vary enormously. Many of them do no more than get out the fixture card and notices of meetings. Many of them do a great deal more. We know of very few hunts, however, where their work is as extensive as is common practice in England.

So important has the work of these officials become that they have been organized into a Secretaries of Foxhounds Association. We are fortunate in being able to print elsewhere in this issue an article by the Secretary of this organization, outlining not only the duties of a Hunt Secretary, but also his relationship with the Hunt Committee and with the Master. Obviously the article sets forth a number of duties—such as paying earth stoppers—which are not applicable to this country. On the other hand it represents a system which has been evolved over more than a hundred years, a system which is a proven success. As such we feel that it merits close study, that it contains many features which could well be adopted in this country.

The article assumes, of course, a subscription pack which is owned by the Hunt Committee. It is the Committee which selects both the Master and the Secretary. The Master is guaranteed a certain sum of money by the Committee, but is expected to pay all expenses over and above this sum out of his own pocket—a financial arrangement which has obvious advantages, but which is anything but typical of this country. The Master is responsible for sport in the field—and for very little else. He is expected to see that as little damage as possible is done during a hunting day, to arrange the meets (with help of the Secretary) and, if he cares to do so, to notify farmers and keepers of such meets.

Virtually all other matters connected with the hunt are the respon-

sibility of the Secretary. He is the fiscal officer, charged with raising the sum guaranteed the Master and with collecting capping fees. He is responsible for extra activities—hunt balls and point-to-points. He attends to the rental of coverts, removal of wire, construction of panels, gates and bridges, hedge-cutting competitions, the employment and remuneration of earth stoppers and game keepers. He is primarily responsible for landowner relations and for the settlement of damage claims which in England often run into considerable amounts. In addition he performs the clerical task of keeping a complete list of subscribers, farmers and landowners to which he sends out notices of fixtures and of meetings—besides supplying material to the local press and to sporting publications.

There is hardly a Master in this country who is not now performing many of the duties delegated in England to the Hunt Secretary, hardly a Master who would not give a great deal for a Secretary who would take over on English lines. While we doubt whether any such paragon can immediately be found ready-made, it would not seem impossible to educate a few for the purpose. To this end we recommend Mr. Pott's article as an admirable primer.

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### Letters To The Editor

#### Necessity Of Hunting

Dear Sir:

You might be amused at the letter I received from an old friend of mine. When one has hunted a great many years and is really an "addict" it is extraordinary how you can rationalize about the real necessity of going out on a hunting day—letting all the things that should be done go.

The following letter must be anonymous but I know it will strike a sympathetic cord with many who have done the same things in order to hunt!

Quote:—

(Under the hair dryer at Allen's Beauty Parlor) Too late—a waste of money!

Hello my old, old friend; how are things with you? What a disease this horse business is! I know I ought not to try it, should get out of it completely. But somehow I don't! I keep on and on and "Pimou" is lovely and makes me realize all the years I wasted on "Think Twice" who ruined my riding and my confidence.

I have been hunting regularly and give out quickly, have no grip but for some reason unknown to your old friend I persist. The horses take all my time. I haven't even hung the curtains or put on the storm windows. The socks should be darned and litter the house, and

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**BREEDING**

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**Racing**A SECTION  
DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS  
OF THE TURF**Racing Review****Results of Stakes from Santa Anita, Tropical Park, Hialeah and Fair Grounds****Raleigh Burroughs**

When a horse conditioner comes up for mention in the press, it is probable that his act will be reported in this fashion: "Trainer Merthwaite Gliff, whose charges accounted for four wins at Erstwhile Downs today, started a new trend by saddling from the 'off' or righthand side of his horses. The ex-opium dealer was kicked but twice."

The "ex" part, it seems to me, might be offensive to Mr. Gliff. Maybe he's trying to forget the past. Certainly, a poor but honest opium dealer is to be preferred to an opulent though crooked stock-broker, but when a man departs from one walk of life and embarks upon another, the chances are that he would like to be through with the ghosts of yesteryear.

It is rare that forgotten indiscretions of jockeys and owners are dragged out in simple reporting. You never read that ex-juvenile delinquent So-And-So was aboard the derby winner, or that wealthy ex-liquor board chief Such-And-Such was in the ring to receive the cup.

I don't know how many pigeons Hirsch Jacobs "fancied", but it is a reporter of great restraint who does not, somewhere in his prose, refer to Mr. Jacobs as an "ex-pigeon fancier".

Incidentally, I learned the other day that a pigeon race can be "fixed", even though every bird is trying—not a single pigeon is pulled. It's something about putting the clock into the electric refrigerator, which slows down the machinery. (Each pigeon is timed separately.)

Then, there are the ex-auto salesman, the ex-street car conductor, the ex-mule trader, the ex-ball player and the ex-chemist.

The past is excavated every time one of them wins a race.

The ex-chemist has been credited, by innuendo, with performing training miracles that did not show up in the saliva tests.

We all have secrets that we'd like to forget and are embarrassed when they are thrown up at us. For instance, I once was a market breeder of golden guppies (not just plain *Lebiscus reticulatus*, but big metallic ones) and I've a silver cup, stowed away in a match box, to prove that mine were of stakes class. But that's in the past, and I'd surely be annoyed if some newspaper printed, "police stated that the ex-fish peddler's forgeries showed the professional touch." (I'm also an ex-check-writer salesman, and part of the training course was learning how to raise checks. Sold no check-writers).

Maybe horse trainers are sensitive, too.

Two weeks ago I launched my annual campaign to force the televising (or even radiocasting) of the Santa Anita Handicap. Even before *The Chronicle* had gone to press, rumors (two of 'em) came out of California to the effect that the big Coast event would come out over the air lanes. The stuff wasn't even in type mind you! This is startling evidence of the power of the written word.

**Hialeah**

"The sky was cloudless and there was just enough breeze to stir the palm fronds. It was 84 degrees at post time. Many came to see the new \$2,500,000 clubhouse and other innovations, including a helicopter bringing in passengers from Miami Beach." (Quote from Associated Press story of Hialeah opening, January 16, and a fine kind of literary diet for people who are debating whether or not to leave on the chains).

Many, it seems, also came to bet, as the 23,811 clients shoved \$1,489,121 at the receiving tellers to establish an opening day record. Not many picked the winner of the featured **Hialeah Inaugural**.

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**al Handicap, A. Levinson's Tidewater**, which returned a \$103 mutuel.

Scratches cut the field for the seven-furlong test to a mere 18, and it was a truly-run race, considering the number of horses on the track.

Tidewater and Torch of War, which was coupled with Pomace in the Hasty House Farm entry, left the gate together,

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**FOR SALE - HOT ASH**

Chestnut mare, 7. Sire: The Phoenix, one of

Ireland's most famous sires. Dam: Hot Coppers by \*Hyperion. Bred by Lord Astor at Clivenden Stud, England. Imported for me as a 2-year-old by A. B. Hancock, Jr. Raced at 3 and broke her maiden at 1 1/2 mile. Retired to stud and foaled a colt by Boxthorn but due to accident at 8 months he died.

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## Racing Review

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and for three-eighths of a mile it was a two-horse race. At the half pole it was a one-horse gallop and stayed that way to the wire. Torch of War tired and dropped back to finish 15th. Sweet Vermouth came on to be second, three lengths behind the winner and a neck ahead of Hyphasis. Dutch Lane ran third to the stretch, but faded to fourth.

Tidewater had shown blazing early speed in all recent races, but also had exhibited a tendency to lose interest near the end. At Tropical, 12 days before the Hialeah opening, the gelded son of Spy Song—Pretty Does, by Jamestown, easily won a six-furlong allowance test. He could have been claimed in New York last summer or fall for \$5,000. Tidewater's share of the Inaugural purse was \$15,950. With two wins in two starts his '54 total is \$17,350. Last season he raced 15 times, with 2 wins, 6 seconds (he was beginning to look like a chronic place-finisher) and 1 third.

Mr. S. A. Mason II is the breeder of Tidewater.

### Tropical Park

Three weeks ago, I offered to bet Tommy Engelman, procurer of patrons for Tropical Park, an old mutuels ticket against any article of comparable value that his track's play and attendance would pick up and at least equal last season's totals.

He did not take me up, and it's a good thing, as for the life of me, I can't find a totalizer receipt anywhere. (Must have cashed 'em all.) I had the right idea, though. When the weather up North began to get rough, the migration started, and action improved at the Gables track, but even a garrison finish couldn't bring off a record. The final daily average was \$736,372 against last year's \$803,933. Attendance was off about ten per cent.

The closing was strong enough to satisfy anyone, even if the early days of the meeting were disappointing.

The final-day (January 15) major attraction was the \$35,000 **Tropical Handicap**, marked down from \$50,000. Brookmeade's **Capeador** took first prize in the mile-and-a-furlong race with a smooth ride by Ken Church.

The four-year-old gelding was allowed to settle in stride and then gradually came from eighth to be a head behind the leader, Count Cain, at the top of the stretch. He won by one length. Count Cain was second by 2½ lengths over **Iceburg II**, which nosed out Mr. Paradise for third money. The latter set the pace in the early stages and did not completely collapse when tiring.

Capeador is a son of Bull Lea, out of the Blue Larkspur mare, Bonnet Ann. He was bred by Brookmeade. The winner's share of the purse and stakes amounted to \$34,650.

Last season, Capeador won \$14,375, as a result of 4 victories, 4 seconds and 2 thirds in 14 starts.

Jamie K. was in the Tropical Handicap and didn't look much like the horse that had made Native Dancer hustle. He has won but one race since his losing duels with the Vanderbilt colt in the Preakness and Belmont Stakes. That was in Delaware Park's Leonard Richard.

### Santa Anita

About this time last season **Stranglehold** looked good, so good, in fact that I "bought into" a low-flying syndicate that was backing the gelding's chances in the Santa Anita Handicap. We got six to one, I believe, and my soul hurt when I learned that if the transaction had taken

place a few weeks earlier we could have had 30. As you know, if you read the papers, a number of horses, all of them, in fact, got home ahead of **Stranglehold** on the big day, but I still think he looked good last January.

He's doing it again, but not for my money—not at six to one, anyway. (Good grief, he's 40!)

With victories in the Peter Clark and Bay Meadows Handicaps behind him, the son of **Stronghold**, out of **Bistouri's** daughter, **Kay-Diane**, came to Santa Anita. He was sixth in the Palos Verdes and fourth in the San Pasqual, not far back in either and came up to the **Santa Catalina**, January 13, looking good enough to be made the second choice at two to one, just a nickel off the favored **Ali's Gem** in starting price.

**Stranglehold** was in last place for the first quarter of the mile-and-one-eighth race, was seventh after a half mile and steadily moved up. He nailed the pace-setting favorite coming around the last curve and had sailed into a three-length lead at the eighth pole. He won by four.

**Ali's Gem** raced with **Skyled** most of the way and tired, to finish second three lengths in front of **Skyled**, which was about the same distance before **Correspondent**.

Two-thirds of a Morning-Telegraph-performance-page-full of fillies and mares made up the field for the **Santa Maria Handicap**, January 15. Nine scratches trimmed the starting number to 15. It was a real thriller, with the result in doubt right up to the wire.

**Auntie** and **Smart Barbara** were in high gear right after the break and it was this pair all the way with challenges from several sources.

**Outsmart** did some running and so did

**Vicki Blue** in the early furlongs; both tired and faded. At the finish, it was **Smart Barbara** by a neck, with **Auntie** three-quarters of a length ahead of **Cerise Reine**, which was closing fast. **Mab's Choice**, near the pace all the way, took fourth money. The race was at seven furlongs.

**Smart Barbara** is a four-year-old filly owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnston, trained by Mr. Johnston, and bred by Mr. J.

By **Lodge Night**—**Wiseasyou**, by **Wise Counsellor**, **Smart Barbara** was second in the Las Flores Handicap on January 6, which gives her a win and a second in two starts in 1954. The **Santa Maria** purse was \$15,300, so her earnings this year are \$19,300.

In '53, she collected \$40,175, with 4 wins, 5 seconds and 1 third.

With the **Santa Anita Maturity** but two weeks off, any race for four-year-olds should prove interesting, and the **San Fernando Stakes**, on January 16, left the fans plenty to ponder over.

The race was expected to be a duel between **Imbros**, which set a world mark of 1:20 3/5 for seven-furlongs on January 2, and **Berseem**, runner up, a few inches back in the record run.

This didn't materialize, as **Berseem** was scratched because of the heavy track.

The entry of **Imbros** and **Decorated** was favored and the pair showed the way the first five-eighths of the mile-and-a-sixteenth race.

At the far turn, **Joe Jones** went into the lead. As everyone knows, that is no place to put a son of **Stymie** on the head end. There is no money on the far turn.

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## \* NORDLICHT

### German Derby Winner — Unbeaten At Three Sire of Turf Track Record Holder

(The Jockey Club has accepted \*Nordlicht and now registers all foals by \*Nordlicht out of registered Thoroughbred mares).

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		Nereide		Orchidee II
				Leland or Graf Isolani
				Nella da Gubbio

### \*Nordlicht Offers Breeders The World's Greatest Bloodlines

\*Nordlicht's early years in the stud were under the cloud of The Jockey Club ruling that he could not be registered and neither could his get. Consequently, he was bred to very few Thoroughbred mares, and those few had little or no class. Despite this, from 22 of his get which are either registered or having racing permits, through November 30, 1953, he has had 18 starters of which 12 were winners. The include **Nightingale**, winner of 19 races; **Montenegrin**, holder of the turf track record of 1.42% for 1 mile at Suffolk Downs and the 2-year-old **Travertine**, winner of the \$10,000 6 f. race on opening day at Santa Anita.

Fee: \$500 Live Foal

Property of William D. Pawley and Christopher T. Chenery

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\*Preisrichter, br., 1944, by **Brantome**—**Patoche**, by **Asterus**.

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Fee: \$500 Live Foal

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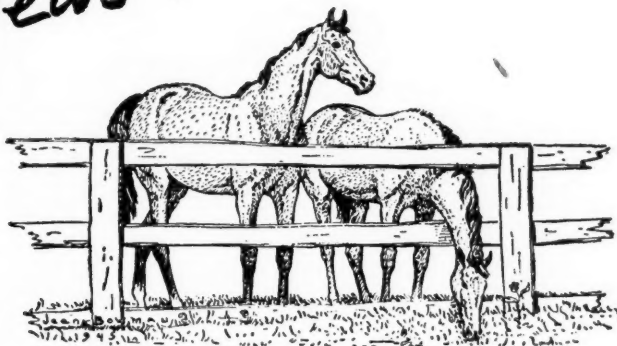
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The Plains

Virginia



# News From the Studs



## IRELAND

### Exports

Latest consignment of horses sent from the British Isles included two Irish-breds purchased for American owners by Mr. John Alexander, Jr., of Carlow, Ireland. They were a yearling colt by Royal Charger out of Bray Melody—thus he is a full brother to the 1953 English 1,000 gns. winner, Happy Laughter. Bred at Ballykisteon Stud he goes to Crown Crest Farm, Kentucky. Also exported is the Irish Lincolnshire winner, Sorayo, a well-bred son of Tehran out of Mouselle,

### International Arousing Interest

Great interest is now being taken by Irish Steeplechasing folk in the announcement that an International Chase is to be organized by the U. S. National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, with the venue Belmont Park. The first prize, announced, of \$15,000 seems to us more than attractive. Let's hope that Royal Approval, the best 6-year-old 'chaser I have seen since Prince Regent, gets the nod—and that if invited, Lord Bicester accepts with him. Other really top horses include Knock Hard from the Vincent O'Brien stable, and Early Mist, winner of the 1953 Aintree Grand National, also in the O'Brien barn.

### New Stud Manager

The authorities have not yet revealed the name of the new manager of the Irish National Stud. Major Cecil Hall, still in office, will leave on March 18 to take up his new post as manager of the Aga Khan's famous Sheshoon Farm, Co. Kildare. He will succeed Nesbit Waddington, who has retired.

Major Hall, one of the most capable and best-informed men in racing, was educated at Eton and Oxford University. For some years he bred extensively in his own right. During World-War II he served on active service with the Royal Hampshire Regiment.

### Switches From England to Ireland

The Gaekwar of Baroda has decided to transfer some of his best horses from Lambourne (England) to his model Irish stud farm at The Curragh. Coming over to the Emerald Isle will be Whistler, 4-year-old, by Panorama—Farthing Damages; Great Pasha, 4-year-old, by Sayajirao—Oatflake; Maharatta Warrior, 3-year-old by Tehran—Lady Sybil; Little Honey, 3-year-old, by Sayajirao—Oatflake and Prince of Baroda, 3-year-old, by Petition—Toujours. Excepting the

filly, Little Honey, all are colts; they will be retired to stud, or raced, depending on their owner's wishes.

### Racers Coming to Hand

Thanks to the unusually mild weather which has prevailed since last November to date, most trainers of 2-year-olds in Ireland and Britain, report their charges in very forward condition. Big fields among the juveniles will be the rule with the coming of the flat in March.

### A 'Royal Charger' Bargain

The cheapest fee for a 'Royal Charger' sire in the world will be his son, Reverse Charge, which will stand at Bridge House Stud, Knocklong, Co. Limerick, in 1954. This 6-year-old will stand at the fee of 48 pounds (\$134). Reverse Charge, which is out of Garryhinch by Great Scot—Rose Petal by Tetratema, was a good track performer in top handicap class, winning from 5 to 12 furlongs, during his four seasons racing. Best performance was his win in the Cumberland Plate, 12 furlongs, when carrying top weight, he broke the course time record.

### The Tetrarch's Trainer Retires

One of the most esteemed of Irish-born trainers, H. S. "Atty" Persse, is to retire. Born 85 years ago in Loughrea, Co. Galway, Mr. Persse has been identified with racing and hunting all his long life. From 1928 until 1930 he was joint-master of the Limerick Foxhounds, and in his younger days was a prominent amateur rider, competing in America, and on the continent, as well as in the British Isles. When he first went to England he trained at Epsom, later transferring to Kingsdown, Upper Lambourn, Berkshire.

His chief patron for over 40 years has been Major Dermot McCalmont. It was for this owner that he bought the famous, The Tetrarch for 1,300 gns., as a yearling in 1913. "The Spotted Wonder" was the best horse he ever trained; in his two-year-old racing career (he only raced one season) this colt won all his seven races. At stud, he begot the classic winners, Salmon—Trout, Polemarch, Caligula and Tetratema. Mr. Persse has always had the warmest of feelings for the wonder grey. Of him he says wistfully, "True, he was a freak, but there will never again be another like him." Another of his greats was Bachelor's Double, winner of the City and Suburban and The Royal Hunt Cup in

1910. "Atty" Persse won the trainer's championship in 1930, his best year.

—Philip de Burgh-O'Brien

## PENNSYLVANIA

### Admiral Tan At Stud

The stallion ranks at Sydney W. Glass' Grange Farm near West Chester, Pa. have been increased by one. The latest arrival is the good looking brown son of War Admiral—Even Tan, by Equipoise. Bred by the late Samuel D. Riddle, he carried the colors of Glen Riddle Farm in his two outings as a 2-year-old. He joined the hunt meeting ranks at Camden, S. C. as a 3-year-old to make his initial start for his new owner, H. J. Stringer. His trips on the turf to the winner's circle at the hunt meetings that year placed him at the top of the winners on the flat and he also won one race over hurdles. Started on the flat in 1952, he won his first race and was then started over brush in the William Skinner Memorial at Middleburg, Va. Rated off the early pace, he began to improve his position and over the 9th was 2nd. At the next to last jump, while still running 2nd, he stumbled upon landing and lost his rider. A subsequent injury put him on the sidelines. This will be his first season at stud. —N. L.

## KENTUCKY

### Keeneland Tax Exemption Repeal Introduced

Repeal of the pari-mutuel tax exemption now enjoyed by Keeneland as a non-profit track is proposed in a bill introduced into the Kentucky General Assembly by four Democratic members of the House.

### Hurstland Buys Alerted's Half Sister

The Nuckols Brothers' Hurstland Farm, Nicholasville, has purchased privately from Andrew J. Crevelin a yearling half-sister, by Count Speed, to the \$438,635 earner Alerted. The filly will be entered in the Keeneland Summer Sales.

Hastily Yours, dam of Alerted and of the stakes-placed F. B. Eye, is booked this year to Citation, the best son of Alerted's sire, Bull Lea. Now owned by Mr. Crevelin, the mare, barren as a result of her 1953 mating, is a half-sister, by John P. Grier, to Cavalcade.

### First Foal of 1954

The first Kentucky foal of 1954 to be reported was a filly by Citation—Flitaway, by \*Blenheim II, dropped at 2 p. m. January 3 at A. B. Hancock's Claiborne Farm, Paris. Flitaway gained a measure of fame last year by producing Citation's first offspring.

### Mrs. Adams' Mares Arrive

Seven broodmares belonging to Mrs. John Payson Adams, owner of Edenvale Farm in California, have arrived at Miss Mildred Woolwine's White Oaks Farm, Lexington, Ky. All are booked to Kentucky stallions.

Three of them, including Moonrush's dam Bustle, will be bred to Mrs. Adams' \*Miche, which stands at White Oaks.

Brenton Light, winner of the Hollywood Lassie Stakes, will go to \*Arden. This will be her first mating.

Mrs. Adams' other three mares are booked to Battlefield, Mr. Busher and Pavot.

### Morocco Prince at Rolling Acres

Morocco Prince, Oliver Jones' home-bred winner of the Euclid Handicap at Randall Park, has been retired to stud at Mr. Jones' Rolling Acres Farm, Lexington.

The front-running Morocco Prince set a Detroit record of 1:05 2/5 for 5½ furlongs.

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## News From the Studs

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longs, but he also earned brackets up to 1 1/4 miles over all types of tracks.

He is a son of Port au Prince—Morocco Red, half sister, by Firethorn, to the World's Playground Stakes victor Frenchtown.

### Old Rowley at Monterey

Old Rowley, half-brother, by Menow, to the stakes winners Danger Point, Sky Larking, Little Risk and Beaugay, will stand the 1954 stud season at Ned W. Brent's Monterey Farm, Paris.

Bred by A. B. Hancock, Sr., Old Rowley was sold as a Keeneland yearling for \$37,000 to Moody Jolley, Agent for Harry F. Guggenheim. Lightly raced in good company, the colt beat such classy horses as Kiss Me Kate, Saxony and Time-ly Reward.

A. B. Hancock, Jr., has bought a half-interest in the stud career of Old Rowley, whose stud fee will be \$300—live foal.

### Four Freedoms to New Jersey

Four Freedoms, seventh-ranking stallion of 1953 in number of winners (53), has been leased to Leslie Jane Stable for stud duty at Amory L. Haskell's Woodland Farm, Red Bank, N. J. The son of Peace Chance—Nea Lap, by Night Raid, is owned by Del E. Holman and Greentree Stud, Inc.; and stood last year at Doug Davis Jr.'s High Hope Farm, Versailles, Ky.

During his racing career, Four Freedoms captured the Widener, Brooklyn, Tropical and Palm Beach Handicaps. He equaled the 1 1/8-mile record of 1:49 flat in the Tropical.

Stakes winners by Four Freedoms include Cacomo and Heres Hube in the United States; and Avona, Freedom Girl and Freedom Wins in Canada.

### Governor Proposes Pari-Mutuel Tax Changes

The last of five tax changes asked by Governor Lawrence W. Weatherby in his message to the Kentucky General Assembly would "eliminate the pari-mutuel exemption and change the present flat-rate tax to a graduated tax."

A bill to eliminate the tax exemption hitherto enjoyed by Keeneland as a non-profit track had already been introduced.

Immediately after the Governor's speech, a bill to establish a graduated tax on pari-mutuel betting was introduced. The measure would set a State tax rate of 3 percent on the first \$100,000 of daily handle, 4 percent on the second \$100,000, 5 percent on the third \$100,000 and 6 percent on all above \$300,000.

The old rate was a flat 3 percent, regardless of the amount of the handle.

Last year the State netted \$1,016,206 from pari-mutuel taxes. The Governor estimated that his proposals would raise an additional \$800,000 annually.

The proposed changes were not unexpected. Indeed, they will probably attract comparatively little opposition. Racing interests had feared they might fare worse in the search for added State revenues. And, in the present Kentucky political situation, the Governor's wish is virtually the Assembly's command anyway.

—Frank Talmadge Phelps

### —VIRGINIA—

#### Mares To North Cliff

The race barn at North Cliff Farm near Rixeyville, Va. has been completed but last week's heavy snow prevented moving some of the horses to their new site. However, they made the move over

the week-end. Recent arrivals at the farm were Pennsylvania breeder Charles Mather's two mares, Shadow Proof and Gerald's Jewel. Both of them are booked to Maine Chance Farm's Knockdown, which stands at North Cliff and both of the mares are in foal to Sagamore Farm's Loser Weeper.

—N. L.

### —TEXAS—

#### Lucky Oscar Stays in Texas

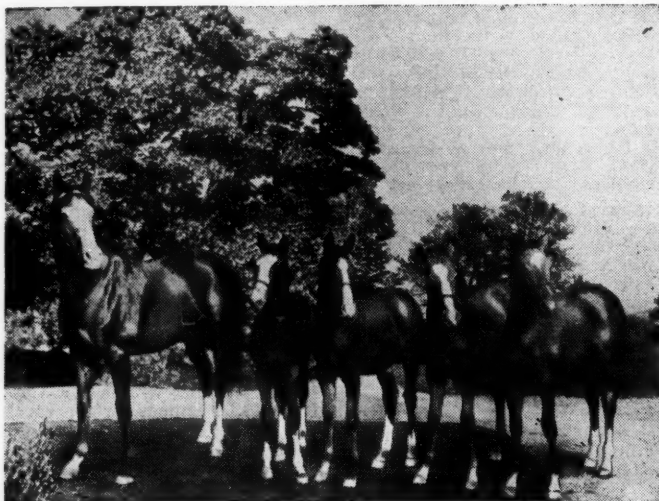
Decision to retain Lucky Oscar, (Easy Mon—Nectarine, by \*Bull Dog) for stud and to stand the Almahurst-bred youngster at Hurst Farm for 1954 and the following years, apparently was a wise move by Bud Burmester, Texas horseman. Mr. Burmester acquired the sleek brown 5-year-old stallion, along with 7 mares, all in foal to him, and 7 yearlings, from John W. Dial, Goliad, Texas. Lucky Oscar's fee was set at \$300 live foal guaranteed.

Mr. Burmester reported that since his announcement that he would not sell the stallion, he had received several flattering offers from this sector, and that Lucky Oscar's book was filling rapidly. "I believe when I got this young stallion I found a stud which will go a long way and will help fill the void in my life when I let Nedayr slip through my fingers some years ago. This stallion really has everything.

"Where can anyone top the bloodlines, \*Pharamond II and unbeaten Colin on top, and the mighty \*Bull Dog, through his stakes winning and stakes producer, Nectarine, on the bottom, and remember Nectarine is a full sister to Bull Lea", he continued. He also bought from Mr. Dial the yearling colt, Golden Oscar, Lucky Oscar's first foal, and a truly splendid Thoroughbred specimen. He is quartered close to his sire, and the gold-

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## YOUNG PETER And His Sons



### YOUNG PETER

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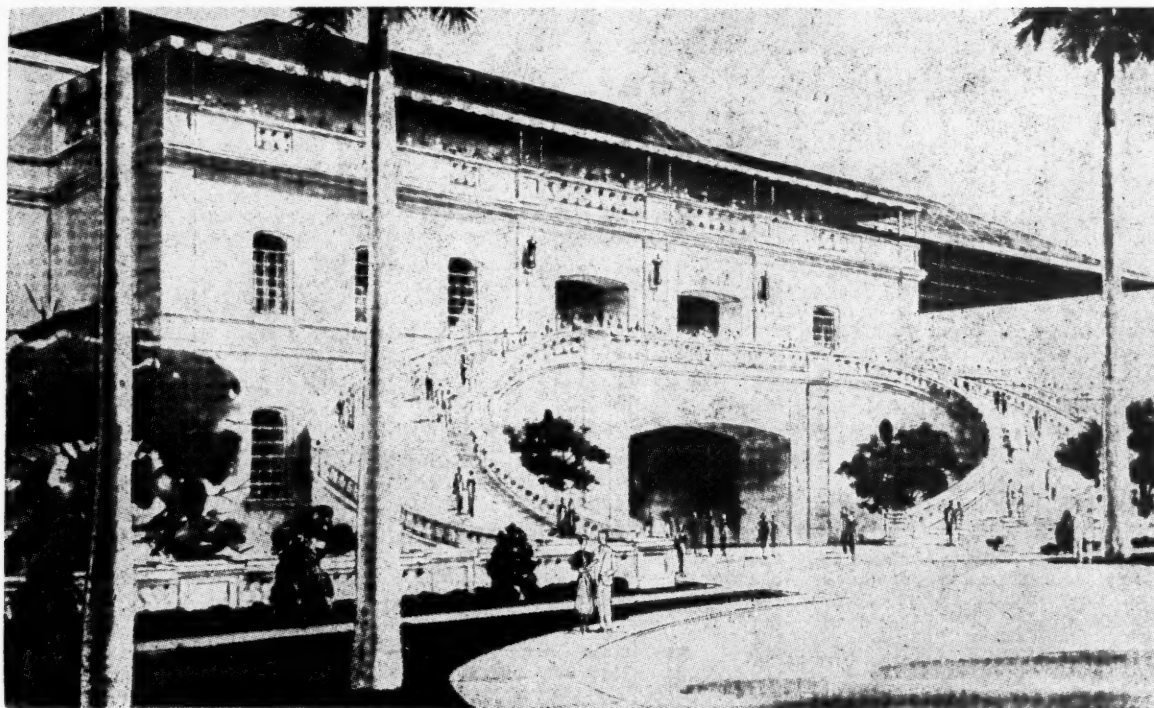
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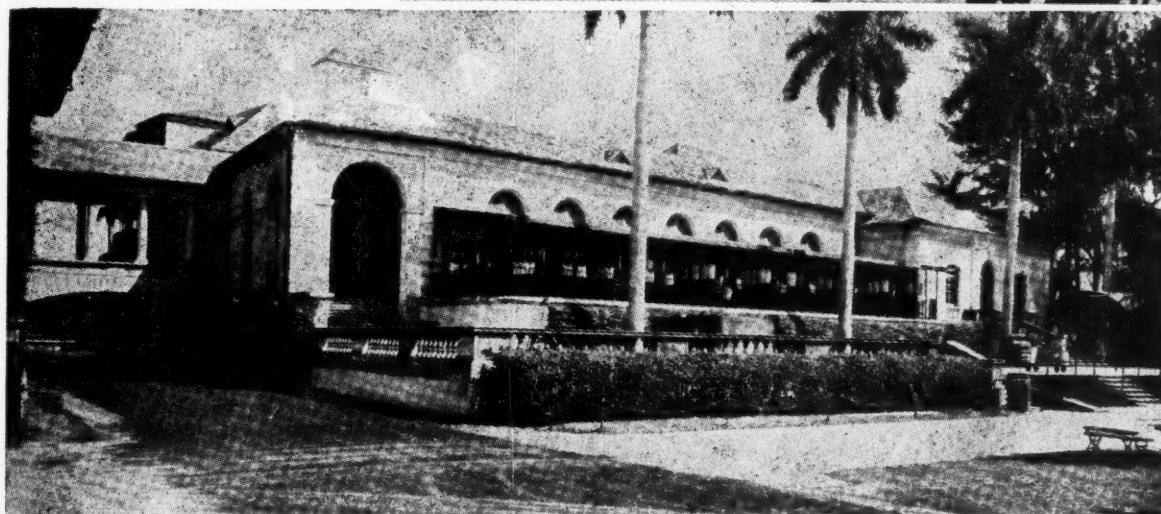
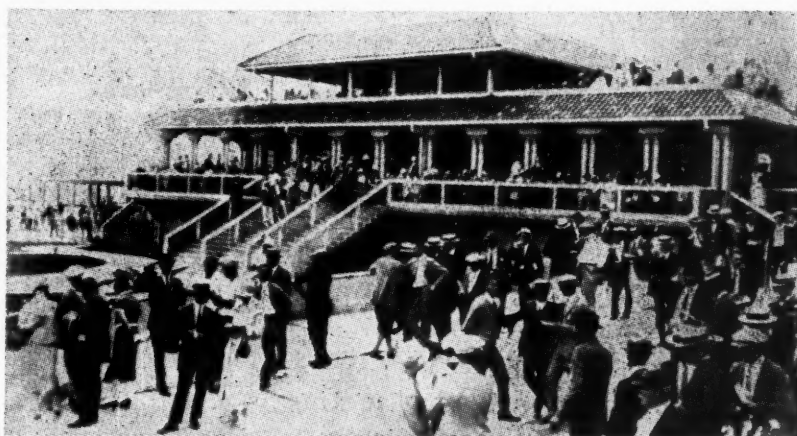
## Hialeah's New Clubhouse

(Hialeah Photos)



Carriage entrance to new Hialeah Clubhouse

Hialeah race track unveiled its new \$2,500,000 clubhouse Sat., (January 16)—a three-story structure with four times the capacity of the original clubhouse, the new building employs a fresh theory in architectural design for buildings used by the public. There are seats for 5,000 racing fans with room for an estimated 7,500 additional persons on the move. With no dead ends to trap pedestrian traffic, the clubhouse was designed with the mobility of the patrons as a keynote. The original clubhouse, 1925 season, is pictured on the right, and at the bottom is Hialeah's second clubhouse, opened in the 1932 season.





## German Racehorse

### Story Of \*Nordlicht—"Possesses The Potentialities Of A Great Sire"

John Aiscan

\*Nordlicht, one of the best of all German racehorses, was brought over by the U. S. Remount Service in 1945. For a long time he was banned as a prize of war, from being registered in the American Stud Book. Only in May, 1953, was he recognized by The Jockey Club, and now his progeny can be fully registered in the American Stud Book.

All the horses that were brought over were of the best German blood, well tried and thoroughly sound. They included several of the best animals from the Schlenderhahn Stud, the leading German Thoroughbred breeding establishment in the production of top class performers. Also included were several of the best French blood, that had been commandeered by Dr. Plute, a former Commandant of the German Army Stud at Altfeld. Among those was \*Preisrichter, by Brantome—Patoche, by Asterus. Brantome was secured by Dr. Pulte from the late Baron Edouard de Rothschild and Patoche from Monsieur Henri Coulon.

\*Nordlicht, a chestnut colt, was bred in 1941 by the famous Erlenhof Stud in Germany. \*Nordlicht did not start as a 2-year-old. At 3, he made a disappointing debut in the Preis von Dahlwitz (comparable to the English 2000 Guineas Trial Stakes), where he was unplaced behind the Schlenderhan's Schlehdorn, Student and Schildhorn. In his next start in the Preis von Fuerstenstein in Hoppegarten (Berlin's leading track), he won an easy victory over Weltenfuerst, Kreuzritter and 10 others, earning 4,000 marks. Shortly before the Derby, he easily won the Das Veilchen Rennen in Hoppegarten against Ostone, Laurin and three others.

In the German Derby, which was raced in Berlin during the war, since the Derby home track Hamburg-Horn, was through bombing, no longer available, he started as the favorite. I remember him as the best looking horse that I saw in the paddock. He took the lead from start to finish and came back to the

winners' circle quite fresh. He beat Trauemerei (unbeaten and the best 2-year-old in 1943 in Germany, and as a 3-year-old won the German 1000 Guineas and 2nd in the German Oaks); Schlehdorn (which beat \*Nordlicht in the Preis von Dahlwitz); Welfenfuerst, Sonnenadler, Yngola (winner of the German Oaks), Tschieper, Agamemnon (the best 2-year-old in the National Stud Graditz Stable); Blitzstrahl, a total of 17 starters. For this triumph, \*Nordlicht earned 89,180 marks.

Next he was sent to Vienna to the Grosser Preis von Wien (the former Austria Derby). Here he met for the first time, Poet, the best horse in the German National Stud Graditz Stable. Poet, by Janitor, was scratched in the German Derby, but had easily won the Henckel Rennen (German 2000 Guineas), and Union Rennen (comparable to the French Prix Lupin and English Newmarket Stakes). \*Nordlicht showed his great class and came home easily, leaving behind him Agamemnon and Poet. The value of this race was 70,000 marks. After this race \*Nordlicht was recognized as the best horse of his generation.

One month later came an unlucky defeat for \*Nordlicht in the Count von Lehndorff Rennen (German St. Leger), where he lost to the Oaks winner Yngola, Schattenspiel and Erftsohn, with \*Nordlicht fourth. For this defeat we can find an excuse, for Berlin, at this time, was being strongly bombed; the same morning of the St. Leger there was a big air raid.

\*Nordlicht started a total of 6 times, won 4 races, was once fourth and once unplaced for a total of 171,680 marks.

Oleander, sire of \*Nordlicht, was the best race horses ever bred in Germany and was an internationally proven race horse against the European elite of his time. Oleander showed great promise as a foal and a yearling, winning in a canter his first two races, Adresse Rennen and Sierstorpff (one of the leading German 2-year-old stakes). Then he

met with a very bad accident, fracturing his pelvis. Veterinarians expressed the opinion that there was no further hope for Oleander's racing career and not even for a stud career; they advised that the colt be destroyed. In this case patience was a decisive factor and George Arnulf the trainer, who always believed that the colt might become a world-beater; persevered day and night. Oleander recovered and became a truly great performer. He won three times the biggest German international race, the Grand Prix de Baden-Baden, two times Grand Prix de Austria, two times Chamant Rennen and two times Grand Prix de Berlin.

Twice Oleander was sent to Paris to the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe, the first time finishing fifth behind \*Kantar, Rialto, Finglas and Motrico, leaving behind him Cri de Guerre (winner of Grand Prix de Paris), Pinceau (second in the Grand Prix de Paris), and Bubbles (winner of Prix Lupin, highly regarded in Baron Edouard de Rothschild stable). His second running in the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe in Paris, was unlucky for him, since according to his jockey he should have won it instead of finishing third, being beaten about a length by the Italian horse Ortello, and \*Kantar, while the fourth horse finished 5 lengths behind him. In the beaten field were such horses as Palais Royal (winner of the Cambridgeshire), Vatout (Poule d'Essai des Poulains), Ukrania (winner of the French Oaks), Calandria (winner of the French St. Leger), Charlemagne (Grand Prix de Deauville).

Nine times Oleander was the champion sire of Germany. Besides \*Nordlicht he sired Sturmvoegel, winner of the German Derby and Grand Prix de Berlin (beating the Grand Prix de Paris winner Admiral Drake). Orsenigo, winner of the Italian Derby and Gran Premio di Milano, was Oleander's best performer in Italy. Orsenigo has gotten classic winners in Italy, among them being Thomaso Guidi (winner of the Italian St. Leger), and Staffa (winner of the Italian Oaks). Orsenigo is now leased to the Guanabara Stud in Brazil. Oleander's other great performer in Italy was Erno, which won Premio del Jockey Club and is now a sire in Ireland.

Asterios, winner of the German St. Leger and 2000 Guineas is now Oleander's successor in the Schlenderhahn Stud. \*Samurai, winner of the Grand Prix de Baden-Baden and many other stakes, originally was selected by the late Baron von Oppenheim as the successor of Oleander. In 1945 \*Samurai went to America and is now standing at Carl G. Rose's Rosemere farm, Ocala, Florida and is the sire of the stakes winning Wolf Gal.

Among Oleander's other performers we find such as: Marshall Vorwaerts (winner of the German St. Leger); Schwarzlieset (winner of the German 1000 Guineas and dam of Schwarzgold, winner of the German Derby by 10 lengths); Scilla (winner of the German Oaks); Dornrose (winner of the German 1000 Guineas and Oaks); and Periander (winner of Union Rennen). Oleander's son Pink Flower sired the first Washington D. C. International winner, Wilwyn.

Oleander's sire was Prunus, a son of Dark Ronald, which won the German St. Leger and German 2000 Guineas. Prunus was 4 times the champion sire of Germany.

Orchidee II, the dam of Oleander was by the triple crown winner Galtee More. A great race mare and great producer, she won in a canter the German Oaks and the German St. Leger by 5 lengths beating top colt performers. Orchidee II's daughter Odaliske, produced by Prunus, the German Derby winner of Continued On Page 9



(Santa Anita Photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Harry James' home-bred James Session (No. 2) wore down A. J. Crevolin's Determine to score a ½ length victory in the San Vicente Stakes.



(Santa Anita Photo)

President Leigh M. Battson of the Los Angeles Turf Club presents gold plate to Mr. and Mrs. Harry James (Betty Grable), owners of James Session. The 3-year-old brown son of \*King's Abbey—Night Special, by Special Agent netted his owners \$13,900 plus \$1,415 breeders' award for his San Vicente Stakes win.

## \*Nordlicht

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1938 Orgelton (3/4 brother to Oleander and good sire); after Wallenstein Odaliske produced Octavius, winner of the German St. Leger and Austrian Derby (this top class performer was overlooked during the war).

Orchidee II was out of Orseis, by St. Serf from Orsova, by Bend Or—Fenella, by Cambuscan. Orsova is a half-sister to Douranee, who became the granddam of Gondolette, foundation dam of Lord Derby's Stud. Gondolette is the dam of Sansovino (winner of the English Derby and successful sire), and third dam of Hyperion, \*Pharamond II, \*Sickle, and Big Game.

Nereide by Laland or Graf Isolani, the dam of \*Nordlicht, was herself an exceptional race mare. She won all her 10 races in the style of a wonder horse. As a 2-year-old she won the Sierstorf Rennen, Oppenheim Rennen, Zukunfts Rennen and Ratibor Rennen. As a 3-year-old she carried with success the Erlenhof's blue-red silks in the German Derby, Oaks German 1000 Guineas, Nickel—Eintracht Rennen, and the Brown Ribbon, where she beat M. Boussac's great Corrida. Corrida was called the race mare of the century.

In the stud Nereide produced only three foals. Her first product Nuvo-lari, by Oleander, a full brother to \*Nordlicht, won Fuerstenberg Rennen, and Grand Prix de Hansa in Hamburg. Nuvo-lari's performance was less impressive only because he ran in the same year as the exceptional Magnat, which took all of the classic races, and he was highly respected in the racing stable. In the stud he has sired many good performers. Salut, his son was one of the best 3-year-olds of 1953 in Germany. Salut won Gerlings Preis, Fuerstenberg Rennen, and third in the international Grand Prix de Baden-Baden (leaving behind him several top French performers). Every year Nuvo-lari is represented by good winners. After Nuvo-lari came \*Nordlicht. Nereide's last foal was a chestnut filly by the great Pharis, which I saw as a yearling in Erlenhof. She was sent with \*Nordlicht to America, I did not hear about her subsequent produce record, but understood she was somewhere in Virginia. (Editor's Note: At last report this mare was in the ownership of Mrs. M. duPont Scott's Montpelier Stud).

After this filly was foaled Nereide died.

Nereide's dam, Nella da Gubbio, by Grand Parade, was unraced. She is the greatest foundation mare of the Erlenhof Stud. Her daughter Najade by Oleander (3/4 sister to \*Nordlicht), is the dam of the famous Neiderlander, by Ticino, which won the German Derby Union Rennen, Gran Prix de Baden-Baden and was 4th in the Washington, D. C. International at Laurel in 1952. Neiderlander is now retired as a sire in the Erlenhof Stud. Nanon, a full sister to Nereide is the dam of Nixe, by Arjman. Nixe is today the most successful producer of the Nella da Gubbio branch in the Erlenhof Stud. Nixe's black son, Neckar, by Ticino, won the German Derby, Henckel Rennen (German 2000 Guineas), Union Rennen, and Paul Doehring Rennen. Neckar beat in impressive fashion the French elite in the Prix de Chantilly at Longchamps. He did not appear on the track again after this race. He was bought by the successful Ravensberg Stud as a sire. Neckar's sister Naxos earned easily victories in 1953 in the Preis der Diane (German Oaks), Schwarzgold Rennen (German 1000 Guineas), and Paul Doehring Rennen. Practically all great winners in Erlenhof are from this family. The success of the Erlenhof Stud can be ascribed to the influence of Nella da Gubbio.

Nera de Bicch, by Tracery, the dam of Nella da Gubbio, was herself a great race mare as her triumphs in the Premio Chiusura and Premio del Dempione will attest. Nera di Bicch was herself a great producer, her daughter Neroccia, by Hurry On won the Italian Oaks. Neroccia later was a pearl in the stud. She foaled, by Haversac II, Niccolo da Foligno (winner of Premio Paroli (Italian 2000 Guineas), and successful sire); Niccolo Pisano (winner of Premio Jockey Club), and Nardina, (winner of Premio Sempione). Nera di Bicch's daughter Nuvo-lana, by Hurry On, is the dam of Navarro, by Michelangelo. Navarro won Gran Premio di Milano, Gran Premio d'Italia, Premio Ambrasino and Premio Principe Amedeo.

In the stud Navarro made a very successful debut. Among his few crops of foals he sired Gladiolo, winner of the Italian Derby in 1946. Gladiolo now stands in Colorado. Unfortunately Navarro was killed during an air raid in Italy.

Nera di Bicch's dam Catnip by Spear-mint won 1 race the value of which was 100 pounds. Sent to Italy, Catnip found-

ed a great family. Catnip's son Nesiotes, by Hurry On won the Premio Omnium and the Premio Sempione twice. He was also several times the leading sire in Italy and got Fante, which won the Gran Premio di Milano and several other good races. Nomellina, by St. Amant, a daughter of Catnip, won the Criterium Nazionale. Catnip's greatest daughter was Nogara, by Haversac II. Nogara carried the famous Tesio's colors with success in the Premio Paroli (Italian 2000 Guineas), Premio Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas), Premio Bimbi and Criterium Nazionale. Nogara had a brilliant stud record, particularly notable for the number of great and successful sires. Nogara's unbeaten son Nearco (winner of the Italian Derby, Grand Prix de Paris, Premio Chiusura, Grand Premio di Milano, etc.), by Pharos, is today the most successful sire in Europe. He has sired the winners of 404 races and 304,983 lbs. Among Nearco's best are Nimbus (winner of the English Derby and 2000 Guineas), Dante (winner of the English Derby and top sire), Sayajirao (winner of the English St. Leger and Irish Derby), Neasham Belle (English Oaks), Masaka (English and Irish Oaks), Noory (Irish Oaks), and the prominent sires \*Nasrullah and \*Royal Charger.

Niccolo dell'Arca, by Coronach, another son of Nogara was a great performer, winning the Italian Derby, Gran Premio Milano, Grand Prix de Berlin and unbeaten as a 3-year-old. In the stud Niccolo dell'Arca has been a great success. In 1948 he was purchased by the Limestone Stud in England, and in 1948 and 1949 was the leading sire in Italy. Niccolo dell'Arca sired such great winners as: Daumier (winner Italian Derby, St. Leger, unbeaten as a 2-year-old and now standing at Lou Doherty's Stallion Station, Lexington, Kentucky); Fiorollo (winner of Gran Premio d'Italia and Gran Premio di Milano and the best 2-year-old in Italy in 1950); Astolfina (winner of Gran Premio d'Italia and Gran Premio di Milano); Trevisana (winner of the St. Leger d'Italia), and Adam (winner of Premio Omnium). In England with just a few crops to race he has sired winners of 27 races and 27,753 pounds. Among his best performers are Bebe Grande (the best 2-year-old filly of 1952 in England); Nich La Rocca (winner of Doncaster Cup), etc.

Nakamuro, by Cameronian, son of Nogara, sired classic winners in Italy before he was imported to England and his best producers are in Italy: Ola (winner of the Italian Oaks in 1952), and Samba (winner of the Italian Oaks in 1949).

Nicolaus, by Solario another son of Nogara, also found his way to England. He sired in Italy a number of good winners among them Morengo, winner of the Italian 2000 Guineas.

Naucide, by Bellini, the last good performer Nogara had, was the best 2-year-old in Italy in 1947. Later he was bought by Mr. Nicholson's Limestone Stud in England. With only one crop to race, Naucide shows great promise as a sire.

Catnip's dam Sibola, by \*The Sailor Prince was bred in New Jersey and won the 1000 Guineas. The female line traces back through Saluda, by \*Mortimer—Perfection, by \*Leamington—Maiden (winner of The Travers Stakes), by Lexington to the foundation mare Kitty Clark, by \*Glencoe. Kitty Clark is the foundation dam of Donau (winner of the 1910 Kentucky Derby), Jean Bereaud (winner of the 1899 Belmont Stakes), Fighting Step (winner of the American Derby), On Watch, Chase Me and others.

We observe that \*Nordlicht's female background is pure American. In closed generations in the female line we determine a great number of top sires. One

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## New Stallion Imports

### 1954 Finds Twelve New Horses Slated For Stud Duty In This Country

#### Frank Talmadge Phelps

The dozen horses imported for 1954 stud duty present a varied picture in several respects: varied in point of origin, stemming from Argentina, Australia, England, France, Ireland and Italy; varied in sires represented, with Nearco and Hyperion the only stallions to get more than one of the stud imports; and varied most especially in their prospects for stud success in the United States.

Stud imports, as the term is herein construed, refers to those horses imported primarily for stallion duty, and either unraced or raced with only mediocre success in the United States. Certain other foreign-bred horses are entering stud this season; but, since they were stakes winners in this country, they seem to belong more properly among the American-raced new stallions.

Geographically, these new stud imports are distributed from coast to coast and in between. California, leading the states with five invading stallions, is closely trailed by Kentucky with four. Maryland has two foreign stud recruits, while Nebraska's lone stud import completes the list.

Nearco sired three of the new stud imports—one in California, another in Kentucky and the third in Maryland. Two of California's invading stallions are by Hyperion.

#### California

England and South America each account for two of California's five new stud imports. \*Lucius and \*Mehmandar come from the "tight little Isle," while \*Repintado and \*Zarauz hail from the Southern half of the Americas. Australia is the home of the remaining California import, \*Scorpion.

The latter, like \*Lucius, is a son of Hyperion. All the California invaders

stand in the Ontario—Riverside—Santa Ana area.

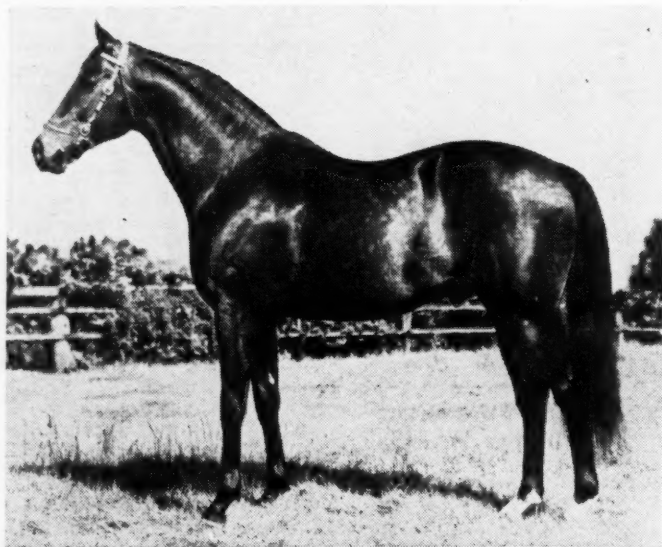
The Argentine-bred \*Repintado was out of the money only twice in 20 races in his native land, where his victories included two classics and four other events. Originally imported for racing in the United States, he was hurt and unable to start in this country.

He is a 9-year-old grey horse by \*Bahram's son The Druid out of the eight-



(Meadors Photo)

Few stallions have the good fortune to have their arrival in this country heralded by two such accomplished sons as did \*Royal Charger. The 12-year-old chestnut son of Nearco—Sun Princess, by Solario had out the \$100,000 Hollywood Gold Cup winner, \*Royal Serenade and \*Turn-To, winner of the world's richest race for a 2-year-old, The Garden State.



One of the best pedigreed imports of the year was Mrs. George Howe's \*Shahpoor, a bay son of Solario—Teresina, by Tracery. A high-class performer during the war years \*Shahpoor is a half-brother to the sires \*Alibhai, \*Gino, Burhan Ali and \*Karimkhan.

race winner La Pinturita, by Maron.

\*Repintado stands at the E. H. Baker Thoroughbred Farm, Cypress, Calif., at a private fee, for approved mares only.

The other South American invader of the California stallion ranks is John C. Neal's \*Zarauz, a classic performer which captured seven events in his native land.

He also took four races in the United States.

A 10-year-old brown horse, \*Zarauz is by Pont l'Eveque—Zeta, by Your Majesty.

\*Zarauz stands at Mr. Neal's Twenty JCL Ranch, Anaheim, Calif., at a fee of \$500 return.

The Australian invader, \*Scorpion, will be as new to American breeding as his owner, Steve Hammond. \*Scorpion has already sired stakes and handicap runners in his native land.

He is a 12-year-old brown horse by

Hyperion—Bonaroba by Bolingbroke.

\*Scorpion stands at Mr. Hammond's new Greenacres Stud, Chino, Calif., at a fee of \$1,000 live foal, to approved mares only.

California's other new stud import by Hyperion is W. W. "Tiny" Naylor's English-bred \*Lucius, a five-year-old horse out of the Sansovino mare Lucerne.

Starting only eight times, \*Lucius won the Limekiln Stakes at Newmarket and two other races.

He stands at the Naylor & Sons Farm, Riverside, Calif.

Rex C. Ellsworth's \*Mehmandar, the other English-bred invader of the California stallion ranks, did not win; but he ran second in the Eclipse and White Rose Stakes, and third in the Jockey Club Stakes.

A five-year-old horse, \*Mehmander is a son of Nearco—Mehmany, by Mieuxce.

\*Mehmandar stands at Mr. Ellsworth's ranch, Ontario, Calif.

#### Kentucky

Kentucky's four new stud imports come from four different countries: \*Daumier from Italy, \*Murano from Argentina, \*Norseman from France and \*Royal Charger from Ireland.

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# Standing for Season of 1954

The following list of stallions, representative of the best Thoroughbred racing blood in each state, will be carried monthly in The Chronicle throughout the year. Those interested in having stallions listed in this directory will have their requests given prompt attention by writing The Chronicle, c/o The Chronicle Advertising Department, Boyce, Virginia.

## Kentucky

Owned by: Syndicate      Managed by: Clarkson Beard  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-1272**  
**Standing at: Greentree Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**BIMELECH      Fee: \$2,500—Live Foal**  
 B., 1937, Black Toney—\*La Troienne, by \*Teddy.  
 Sire of 7 \$100,000 winners.

Owned by: Greentree Farm      Managed by: Clarkson Beard  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-1272**  
**Standing at: Greentree Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**CAPOT      Fee: Private Contract**  
 Br., 1946, Menow—Piquet, by \*St. Germans  
 Horse of the year in 1949. First foals will race in 1954.

Owned by: Brandywine Stable  
**Telephone: Lexington 3-1210**  
**Standing at: C. F. White's Elmsmeade Farm**  
**Russell Cave Pike, Lexington, Ky.**  
**COCHISE      Fee: \$1,000—Live Foal**  
**TO APPROVED MARES**  
 Gr., 1946, by \*Boswell—New Pin, by \*Royal Minstrel.  
 Stakes winner of over \$250,000. Always at the top of handicapper's list. Won from 5½ furlongs to 1¼ miles under all track conditions, carrying top weights and breaking track records.

Owned by: George D. Widener      Managed by: William Bugg  
**Telephone: Lexington 3-0643**  
**Standing at: Old Kenney Farm, Lexington, Ky.**  
**EIGHT THIRTY      Fee: \$3,500**  
 Ch., 1936, by Pilate—Dinner Time, by High Time.  
 Sire of 32 stakes winners—Pilate's greatest son.

Owned by: Brandywine Stable  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-5979**  
**Standing at:**  
**Charles Asbury's Hedgewood Farm, Lexington, Ky.**  
**GREEK SONG      Fee: \$1,000—Live Foal**  
**TO APPROVED MARES**  
 Ch., 1947, \*Heliopolis—Sylvan Song, by \*Royal Minstrel.  
 A stakes winning son of \*Heliopolis, making his third season at stud. Winner of the Dwyer Stakes and Arlington Classic in the fastest time of the year for the distance at both tracks.

Owned by: Maine Chance Farm      Managed by: Leslie Combs II  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-4801**  
**Standing at: Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**JET FLIGHT      Fee: \$500**  
**NOW BOOKING—GUARANTEED LIVE FOAL**  
 Ch., 1947, \*Blenheim II—Black Wave, by \*Sir Gallahad III.  
 Full brother to Jet Pilot.

Owned by: Elm Crest Farm      Managed by: Thomas A. Rankin  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-1676**  
**Standing at:**  
**Turfland Farm, Athens-Boonesboro Road, Lexington, Ky.**  
**NAVY CHIEF      Fee: \$500—Live Foal**  
 B. h., 1947, War Admiral—Sari Omar, by \*Sir Gallahad III.  
 This superbly bred son of WAR ADMIRAL made his first season at stud in 1952. At the track he won the Great American Stakes and placed in 8 other stakes.

Owned by: Greentree Farm      Managed by: Clarkson Beard  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-1272**  
**Standing at: Greentree Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**ONE HITTER      Fee: \$1,000—Live Foal**  
 Ch., 1946, by Shut Out—Bold Anna, by Bold Venture.  
 Raced 6 seasons—\$311,775

Owned by: Walter M. Jeffords      Apply: H. B. Scott  
**Telephone: Lexington 2-5161**  
**Standing at: Faraway Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**PAVOT      Fee: \$2,500—Return**  
**Payable at time of service.**  
 Br., 1942, Case Ace—Coquelicot, by Man o'War.  
 Unbeaten in 8 starts at 2; won Belmont Stakes at 3; beat Stymie by 5 lengths at 4 in Jockey Club Gold Cup. Earned \$373,365 in 4 years of racing. Sire of 8 stakes winners, Cigar Maid, The Pimpernel, South Point, Centine, Ze Pippin, Moby Dick, Andre, Wise Pop.

Owned by: Maine Chance Farm      Managed by: Leslie Combs II  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-4801**  
**Standing at: Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**ROYAL BLOOD      Fee: \$500—Now Booking**  
**GUARANTEED LIVE FOAL**  
 Ch., 1945, Coldstream—Spotted Beauty, by Man o'War.  
 Winner of the Dover Stakes.

Owned by: Greentree Farm      Managed by: Clarkson Beard  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-1272**  
**Standing at: Greentree Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**SHUT OUT      Fee: \$2,500—Live Foal**  
 Ch., 1939, Equipoise—Goose Egg, by \*Chicle.  
 Sire of the sensational Evening Out, best 2-year-old filly of 1953.

Owned by: Greentree Farm      Managed by: Clarkson Beard  
**Telephone: Lexington 4-1272**  
**Standing at: Greentree Farm, Lexington, Kentucky**  
**TOM FOOL      Fee: \$5,000—Live Foal**  
**BOOK FULL**  
 B., 1949, by Menow—Gaga, by \*Bull Dog.  
 Best handicap horse, best sprinter and voted best horse of the year, 1953

## Maryland

Owned by: A Syndicate      For information: Peter Jay  
**Telephone: Churchville 3822**  
**Standing at:**  
**Windmill Hill Farm, R. D. 2, Havre de Grace, Md.**  
**GRAND SLAM      Fee: \$500**  
**REFUND IF NOT IN FOAL**  
 Ch., 1933, by Chance Play—Jeanne Bowdre, by Luke McLuke.  
 High class stakes winner; sire of many stakes winners. Has consistently stood among top 5 stallions on the "most winners" and "most wins" in The Blood-Horse for 1948 - 1952 incl.

Owned by: A Syndicate      For information: Peter Jay  
**Telephone: Churchville 3822**  
**Standing at:**  
**Windmill Hill Farm, R. D. 2, Havre de Grace, Md.**  
**\*NORTHERN STAR      Fee: \$500**  
**REFUND IF NOT IN FOAL**  
 B., 1948, by Mirza II—Venus, by Gold Bridge.  
 Track record breaker. Stakes winner at 2, 3 and 4.

Owned by: Glade Valley Farm      Managed by: Frank Lee, Mgr  
**Telephone: Walkersville (office) 2371**  
**Walkersville (residence) 3551**  
**Standing at: Glade Valley Farm, Walkersville, Md.**  
**THE PINCHER      Fee: \$300—Live Foal**  
 Dk. b., 1946, by \*Heliopolis—Effie B., by \*Bull Dog.  
 Stakes winner of \$109,720.

## Massachusetts

Owned by: Russell Knowles      Managed by: Mr. Knowles  
**Standing at: Fox Lea Farm, 101 Danforth St., Rehoboth, Mass.**  
**FABIAN      Fee: \$100**  
 Dk. b., 1943, by \*Boswell—Flarette, by Gallant Fox.

Owned by: Mrs. Q. A. Shaw McKean      Managed by: Mrs. McKean  
**Telephone: Hamilton 332**  
**Standing at: Savin Hill Farm, South Hamilton, Mass.**  
**PATRIOTISM      Fee: \$250**  
**Return if mare is not in foal. Fee paid at time of service.**  
 Br., 1941, \*Blenheim II—Columbiana, by Petee-Wrack.  
 Patriotism was a winner at 2 and 3, running 2nd in the Yankee Handicap to Whirlabout in 1944. He is a full brother to Ocean Wave, sire of stakes winners.

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. Managed by: Bayard Tuckerman, Jr.  
 Tel.: Lafayette 3-5700—108 Water St., Boston  
 Standing at: Little Sunswick Farm, South Westport, Mass.  
**SILVER WINGS** Fee: \$400—Return  
 Gr., 1948, \*Mahmoud—Irvana, by Blue Larkspur.  
 Won Great American Stakes, Aqueduct, 1950—Six furlongs in 1:10½, beating Battlefield; Second in George Woolf Memorial; Third in Sanford and Grand Union Stakes.

### New Jersey

Owned by: Meadowview Farms, Inc. Apply: F. Wallis Armstrong, Jr.  
 Telephone: Moorestown 9-0640  
 Standing at: Meadowview Farms, Moorestown, N. J.  
**SLIDE RULE** Fee: \$500  
 Payable at time of service. Refund November 1st.  
 Dk. ch., 1940, Snark—King's Idyll, by \*Sir Gallahad III  
 Winner of \$133,766. Broomstick on the top, Fair Play on the bottom line.

Owned by: A Syndicate Apply: F. Wallis Armstrong, Jr.  
 Telephone: Moorestown 9-0640  
 Standing at: Meadowview Farms, Moorestown, N. J.  
**YOUR HOST** Fee: \$2,500—Book Full  
 Ch., 1947, \*Alibhai—\*Boudoir II, by \*Mahmoud.  
 Gallant son of \*Alibhai. Winner of 13 races and \$384,795.

### New York

Owned by: Mrs. Robert L. Gerry Managed by: Harry Main  
 Telephone: Delhi, 0412  
 Standing at: Aknusti Stud, Delhi, New York  
**YOUNG PETER** Fee: \$200  
 B., 1944, Peanuts—Mary Jane, by Pennant.  
 Stakes winner of over \$80,000 including Providence Stakes, Choice Stakes and Travers, beating Phalanx and Colonel O'F.

### North Carolina

Owned by: Stark S. Dillard Managed by: Gilbert M. Scott  
 Telephone: 3-5034  
 Standing at: Wonderland Farm, Sedgfield, N. C.  
 Address: Route 3, Greensboro, N. C.  
**WRACK OF GOLD** Fee: Contract  
 Ch., 1941 by Cloth O'Gold—Wrackatell, by Runantell.  
 Wrack of Gold, sire of the good stakes winner Mi Maragold, Vineland Handicap, 2nd in Miss America Stakes to Miss Joanne, also beaten ¾-length by Grecian Queen and Is Proud in Marguerite Stakes.

### Pennsylvania

Owned by: Mr. and Mrs. Michael D'Onofrio Managed by: Harry Moss  
 Telephone: Newton Square 0958-R or Howard 7-1314  
 Standing at: Cedar Grove Farm, R. D. 1, Media, Pa.  
**BLESS ME** Fee: \$500—Live Foal  
 Br., 1939, \*Sickle—Buginarug, by Blue Larkspur.  
 70% of his foals are winners—78% of his starters are winners

Owned by: Eugene Weymouth Agent: Fred Pinch  
 Telephone: West Chester 144-R-5  
 Standing at: Shellbark Farm, Malvern, Pa.  
**CORMAC** Fee: \$100—Return  
 Dk. br., 1943, Bois de Rose—\*Sauge, by Chouberski.  
 Winner of Fox Hunters' chase, Louie Leith Cup and Grand National Point-to-Point

Owned by: William P. Foley Managed by: Alex Atkinson  
 Telephone: Media 6-1923  
 Standing at: Grandview Farms, Media, Pennsylvania  
**\*DELHI II** Fee: \$125—Live Foal  
 Fee payable November 1st of year bred.  
 Grey, 1942, The Font—Diosa, by Adam's Apple.  
 Winner 12 races in Chile and Venezuela. Excellent Thoroughbred or Hunter sire prospect. Beautiful conformation and disposition and is bound to breed distance horses.

Owned by: Fred N. Snyder Managed by: Fred N. Snyder  
 Telephone: Uhlertown 128-J-21  
 Standing at: Rollinghill Farms, Erwinna, Bucks Co., Pa.  
**KINGS PRINCE** Fee: \$200—Return  
 Ch., 1947, \*Princequillo—Kingcella, by Burgoon King.  
 A winning son of \*Princequillo, bred along the same lines as HILL PRINCE; and by the distinguished sire of HOW and PRINCE DARE. His fine deep bodied conformation, splendid limbs with bones to match, excellent front with good, strong quarters, offers the nucleus for track potentials.

### Vermont

Owned by: Mill River Stable  
 Standing at: Black Hole Hollow Farm, South Arlington, Vt.  
**\*NORTH CAROLINA** Fee: Private Contract  
 B., 1948, by Kingsway—Kitty Hawk, by Precipitation.

### Virginia

Managed by: Dr. J. P. Jones  
 Standing at: Inglecress Farm, Charlottesville, Va.  
**AIR HERO** Fee: \$500—Live Foal  
 Ch., 1943, by \*Blenheim II—Anchors Ahead, by Man o'War.  
 Air Hero has sired the highest number of 2-year-olds for 1932 of any stallion represented by his first full crop in number of races won (20); stands third in number of winners (9).

Owned by: A Syndicate Managed by: Tyson Gilpin  
 Telephone: Boyce 124  
 Alternate Numbers: Boyce 10 and Boyce 41  
 Standing at: Kentmere Stud, Boyce, Virginia  
**\*BEAU GEM** Fee: \$1,000  
 GUARANTEED LIVE FOAL  
 Dk. ch., 1944, Helios—French Gem, by Beau Fils.  
 Classic winner—Sprint and Stay. \*Royal Gem's half-brother.

Owned by: Mrs. A. C. Randolph Apply: Mrs. A. C. Randolph, Upperville, Va.  
 Telephone: Upperville 34  
 Standing at: Oakley, Upperville, Virginia  
**BLACK GANG** Fee: \$300  
 Fee payable at time of service will be refunded if mares proves not to be in foal November first and veterinary certificate is presented stating mare is not in foal.  
 Bk., 1941, War Admiral—Babys Breath, by \*Sickle.  
 A good race horse, getting nice horses. Sire of 2 two-year-old winners, Black Fancy and Pantata.

Owned by: Milton Ritzenberg Managed by: Milton Ritzenberg  
 Telephone: Berryville, Va. 345  
 Standing at: North Hill Farm, Berryville, Virginia  
**BOLD SALUTE** Fee: \$250  
 Payable Oct. 1st in lieu of vet. cert. that mare is barren.  
 Red. ch., 1940, by Bold Venture—Minnant, by Pennant.  
 Bold Salute—a stakes winner, is bred like the great Triple Crown Winner Assault. He is half-brother to 3 stakes winners—Aguary, Magnificent and Blue Pennant.

Owned by: Mrs. DuPont Scott Managed by: Delmar Twyman, Agt.  
 Telephone: Orange, Va. 5661  
 Standing at: Mt. Athos Farm, Montpelier Station, Va.  
**BOLINGBROKE** Fee: \$250  
 Payable October 1. Veterinarian's Certificate in lieu of payment.  
 B., 1937, Equipoise—Wayabout, by Fair Play.  
 Stakes winner of \$161,000 . . . 1½ mile record holder . . . sire of 29 winners of 54 races in 1950.

Owned by: Llangollen Farm Managed by: Richard Kirby  
 Telephone: Upperville 41  
 Standing at: Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Virginia  
**BONNE NUIT** Fee: \$200  
 Gr., 1934, \*Royal Canopy—\*Bonne Cause, by Bonfire.  
 Tanahmerah, Yankee Doodle, Flamingo, Hollandia, Party Miss and Carry Me Back, are a few of the outstanding jumpers among his get.

Owned by: Forest T. Taylor Managed by: Fred Newman  
 Telephone: Staunton 5-4871  
 Standing at: Cherry Hill Farm, Staunton, Virginia  
**BOWLER** Fee: Pvt. Contract  
 Br., 1948, War Admiral—Rash Hurry, by John P. Grier.  
 BOWLER bears a great resemblance to his illustrious sire, War Admiral, a triple crown winner and the most successful son of Man o'War. First dam, Rash Hurry, was a producer of winners. Second dam, \*Hastily, by Hurry On; dam of Cavalcade and Hastily Yours, etc.  
 BOWLER was never raced due to a training injury.

Owned by: Forest T. Taylor Managed by: Fred Newman  
 Telephone: Staunton 5-4871  
 Standing at: Cherry Hill Farm, Staunton, Virginia  
**CHILLY BEAU** Fee: \$50  
 B., 1939, Chilhowie—Beau's Gal, by Beau Gallant, by  
 \*Light Brigade.  
 An outstanding sire of conformation hunters and show ring jumpers.

## New Stallion Imports

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The three European invaders, a notably handsome trio, all stand within two miles of each other north of Lexington, Ky.

In fact, two of them, \*Norseman and \*Royal Charger, are at Leslie Combs II's Spendthrift Farm.

\*Norseman, the new Spendthrift import from France, was never out of the money at two. His nine victories in three seasons of competition included the Prix Robert Papin, Daru-Noailles, Prince d'Orange, de Plaisance, des Sablons and Bois Roussel. He earned 2,619,430 francs.

Ranked among the dozen leading French sires since his first crop were 3-year-olds, \*Norseman has sired classic winners in France, England and Italy. Among his best offspring have been Seris and Free Man in France, and Noemi in England.

A 14-year-old bay horse, \*Norseman is a half-brother, by Blandford's son Umidwar, to the classy Goteborg; and to San Tares, dam of \*Worden II. \*Norseman's dam, the stakes-placed Tara, is a half-sister, by \*Teddy, to \*Alexandria, dam

of Sun Alexandria, Peace Harbor and Sun Pharos.

\*Norseman stands at Spendthrift under lease from Ralph Beaver Strassburger at a fee of \$1,500 live foal.

The other new Spendthrift stud import, \*Royal Charger, captured the Challenge and Queen Anne Stakes, Ayr Gold Cup, Coronation Plate (walkover), two other races and £3,426 in first monies.

A chestnut 12-year-old \*Royal Charger is a full brother to the top-class filly Tessa Gilliam; and a half-brother, by Nearco, to two other stakes performers. The dam, Sun Princess, is a half-sister, by Solario, to \*Nasrullah, another son of Nearco.

\*Royal Charger stood third on the 1953 English sire list, with his close relative \*Nasrullah second. \*Royal Charger has gotten such classic winners as Happy Laughter in England and Sea Charger in Ireland.

In the United States, \*Royal Charger has been represented by such prominent runners as \*Turn-To and \*Royal Serenade.

The syndicate-owned \*Royal Charger's 1954 book is full, at a fee of \$10,000 for a live foal.

\*Daumier, the Italian invader in Ken-

tucky, was never beaten at two; and in two racing seasons was never unplaced and lost only twice in 15 starts. Among his triumphs were the Criterium Nazionale, Gran Criterium, Premios Chiusura, Emanuele Filiberto and del Jockey Club, Italian Derby and Italian St. Leger. \*Daumier's earnings totaled 23,370,000 lire.

His first foals are now yearlings.

He is a 6-year-old bay half-brother, by Niccolo dell'Arca, to the top-class Ducio, Delaroche and De Dreux. The dam, Donatello II's full sister Donatella, scored herself in the Gran Criterium and led the Italian Free Handicap in her juvenile year. Each of the next two dams accounted for male classics in Italy.

\*Daumier stands at Lou P. Doherty's new Stallion Station, less than two miles from Spendthrift, at a fee of \$2,000 live foal.

I. J. Collins' \*Murano, the new Kentucky stud import from Argentina, stands near Paris, 17 miles northeast of Lexington. \*Murano was the best handicap horse in Argentina at four. In three seasons of South American racing, he won the Premios Tonto, Provincia de Santa Fe, Half Crown, Don Davila, Uni-

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Owned by: Milton Ritzberg      Managed by: Milton Ritzberg

Telephone: Berryville, Va. 345

Standing at: North Hill Farm, Berryville, Va.

**CRAVAT**      Fee: \$300

B., 1935, \*Sickle—Frillette, by Man o'War.

A stakes winner of \$121,305. He raced only against the best, beating Bull Lea, Menow, Fighting Fox and others.

Owned by: Llangollen Farm      Managed by: Richard Kirby

Telephone: Upperville 41

Standing at: Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Virginia

**\*ENDEAVOUR II**      Fee: \$1,500

APPROVED MARES ONLY

B., 1942, British Empire—Himalaya, by Hunters Moon.

Undeclared champion of the Argentines in 1947. Sire of Porterhouse, best 2-year-old colt or gelding, best 2-year-old; Weighted at 126 lbs., Experimental Free Handicap; and many other 2 and 3-year-old winners.

Owned by: Llangollen Farm      Managed by: Richard Kirby

Telephone: Upperville 41

Standing at: Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Virginia

**NIGHT LARK**      Fee: \$100

Grey, 1939, Bonne Nuit—Poulette, by \*Coq Gaulois.

Sire of outstanding show ring winners including Storm King, winner of Virginia Horsemen's High Score award for 2-year-olds; Compromise, etc.

Owned by: A. T. Taylor      Managed by: Roger Clapp

Standing at: Aldo Farm, P. O. Box 84, London Bridge, Va.

**ONLOOKER**      Fee: \$150

Payable at time of service. Money refunded if mare is barren. Free to stakes winners, and dams of stakes winners. Mares subject to approval.

B., 1948, by Shut Out—Black Helen, by Black Toney.

Royally bred, an extremely fast horse which broke a bone in his foot as a two-year-old.

Owned by: A Syndicate      Managed by: Tyson Gilpin

Telephone: Boyce 124

Alternate Numbers: Boyce 10 and Boyce 41

Standing at: Kentmere Stud, Boyce, Virginia

**\*ORESTES**      Fee: \$500

GUARANTEED LIVE FOAL

Payable November 1 of year bred, or Veterinary certificate in lieu if mare is barren.

B., 1941, Donatello II—Orison, by Friar Marcus.

Head of English Free Handicap. Stakes winner from 5 furlongs to 1½ miles. Sire of the 1950 English Cambridgeshire winner, Kelling and other stakes winners.

Owned by: Llangollen Farm      Managed by: Richard Kirby

Telephone: Upperville 41

Standing at: Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Virginia

**PENNANCE**      Fee: \$100

Chestnut, 1946, by Pilate—Peggy Porter, by The Porter.

Winning half-brother to stakes winner and out of a stakes winning dam.

Owned by: I. S. Compton &amp; Joe Schneider      Managed by: Joe Schneider

Telephone: Middleburg 2693

Standing at: Sky Farm, Middleburg, Va.

**PICTOR**      Fee: \$500—Live Foal

Fee payable Oct. 1 in lieu of Veterinary's certificate.

B., 1937, by \*Challenger II—Lady Legend, by Dark Legend.

Stakes winner of 14 races and \$111,410. Sire of stakes winners PICTUS, SWEEP PICK and BULVERDE.

Managed by: Chas. H. Tompkins, Jr.

Telephone: Warrenton 30

Standing at: Spring Hill Farm, Casanova, Virginia

**PSYCHIC**      Fee: \$50

Payable at time of service. Mare subject to approval.

Ch. h., 1939, Psychic Bid—Ready, by High Time.

Psychic is the sire of the winners Psychic Dream and Psychic Red.

Owned by: D. R. Motch      Managed by: Owner

Telephone: Charlottesville 3-1734

Standing at: Coleswood Farm, Keene, Virginia

**SEA MARRIAGE**      Fee: \$50

\$25 to Half-bred mares.

B. h., 1940, Granville—Port Weather, by The Porter.

A stakes winner, sire of winners on the flat and in the show rings.

Owned by: Llangollen Farm      Managed by: Richard Kirby

Telephone: Upperville 41

Standing at: Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Virginia

**SINGING STEP**      Private Contract

Roan, 1945, by Stepenfitchit—Singing Witch,

by \*Royal Minstrel.

Winner of \$38,720—A real speed horse.

Owned by: George L. Ohrstrom      Managed by: Elwood Triplett

Telephone: The Plains 2676

Standing at: Whitewood, The Plains, Virginia

**\*TENNYSON II**      Fee: \$250

Payable at time of service. Money refunded if mare is barren.

Ch., 1947, Straight Deal—Fille de Poete.

Winner in four stakes, placed twice, including second to \*DJEDDAH in The Eclipse, out of seven starts.

Owned by: A. T. Taylor      Managed by: Roger Clapp

Standing at: Aldo Farm, P. O. Box 84, London Bridge, Va.

**THALIA LAD**      Fee: \$50

Payable at time of service. Money refunded if mare is barren.

B., 1942, by \*Warrior Bold—Main Flame, by Mainmast.

We believe this horse will be a top hunter and jumper sire. His first crop are now yearlings.

Owned by: Llangollen Farm      Managed by: Richard Kirby

Telephone: Upperville 41

Standing at: Llangollen Farm, Upperville, Virginia

**THE VICEROY**      Private Contract

Grey, 1944, by \*Mahmoud—\*Nadushka, by Vatout.

Sire of only two colts to race. BOTH WINNERS.





(Julian P. Graham Photo)

Tom Bunn, Jr. of Pebble Beach, California, equitation champion at the Pebble Beach show last summer. This youngster has taken home many blues in equitation classes at California shows.

## Pony Club

### Deep Run Hunt Branch Of The U. S. Pony Club First To Be Formed In Virginia

(Editor's Note: For the benefit of those interested in starting a Branch of the United States Pony Club we publish herewith the steps recently taken in the formation of the Deep Run Hunt Branch near Richmond, Virginia.)

The Pony Club is designed to give children as much fun as possible with horses and ponies. Besides learning to ride, they learn about care and feeding, how to run a stable, look after their own mounts, or mounts they have learned to love and enjoy the pleasure of really getting to know a horse or pony.

The Pony Club promotes their interest by a well planned program which includes a series of tests and competitions somewhat like working for Merit Badges in the Boy or Girl Scouts. Younger children can qualify for a "D" rating by knowing how to sit properly, ride at a walk and trot, mount and dismount and know basic safety rules. The "C" rating, which is normally for the 12 to 14 year olds, requires more advanced stages of riding and care of ponies and tack and knowledge of horses and equitation.

Class "B" and Class "A" ratings are for older children who are considerably more advanced. The age limit is under 17 but between the ages of 17 and 21 they may become Associate Members.

The Pony Club program has been tried and proved in England and Canada for a number of years. The idea is now taking hold in this country and the United States Pony Club, a national organization, has recently been formed.

#### How Does The Pony Club Fit Into Our Picture?

At a recent meeting of a group representing the Deep Run Hunt Club, together with Riding Instructors from the various stables around Richmond, the problem of affording maximum opportunity for All children was discussed.

Facts: 1. In Goochland County there is a nucleus of children now hunting with the Deep Run who mostly own their own horses or ponies.

2. There are a large number of children now taking riding instruction at various stables who would undoubtedly be interested in the Pony Club Program.

3. There are other children who ride on their own farms but who do not get an opportunity to receive instruction.

4. There are many children not now riding but who would be interested if given an opportunity.

Conclusion: The Deep Run Hunt Club will be asked to sponsor an organization which will seek to become affiliated with the United States Pony Club and which will be known as the Deep Run Hunt Branch of the Pony Club.

All children in the Richmond area who wish to do so may become members of this Pony Club. Membership will not necessarily require that they must be members of the Deep Run Hunt Club.

The National Organization will be asked to appoint a District Commissioner and governing body for the local branch.

#### To Start The Ball Rolling

We invite all children who can borrow, beg steal or have a mount to meet with us at Fullstream Farm on Sunday, December 20th at 3:00 p. m. for a **mounted rally** where several of our qualified instructors have kindly offered their services to give instruction both in the ring and on the trail.

Also: We invite all children between the ages of seven and seventeen, and their parents to meet with us that evening at the Deep Run Hunt Club for a B. Y. O. Picnic Supper at 5:30 p. m. We will supplement this with hot coffee, chocolate and soup if you will kindly R. S. V. P. to 500 Old Lock Lane.

We are very pleased to tell you that Mrs. Dean Bedford, Chairman of the United States Pony Club, will be our guest at that time. At a meeting after supper she will tell you about the other Pony Clubs in the country and we propose to organize our own branch.

Come, bring your children and help us to get our Pony Club off to a good start.

George Cole Scott, M. F. H.  
Temporary Chairman.

Dec. 8, 1953  
Ballyshannon, Richmond, Va.

On Sunday, December 20th, a group of about 50 children met at Dr. J. Asa  
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## Pony Club

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Shield's Fullstream Farm in Goochland County, Va. for the first mounted rally of the newly formed Deep Run Hunt Branch of the United States Pony Club. Mrs. Dean Bedford, Chairman of the United States Pony Club, took charge of the ring and personally gave individual instruction to each child present, a herculean task that must have been very exhausting to her but which was greatly appreciated by all others.

Later, at a supper held at the Deep Run Clubhouse, Mr. George Cole Scott M. F. H. outlined to the children and their parents the scope of the Pony Club organization and stated that the Deep Run branch was the first to be formed in Virginia. Mrs. Bedford spoke of what has been done in Pony Club organizations in England and Canada and outlined the plans for the United States Pony Club. She also advised the group that the national organization had appointed the following committee to govern the local branch: George Cole Scott, M. F. H. President, Major W. M. F. Bayliss, District Commissioner, Mrs. Arthur Franklin, Secretary, Mrs. Lamont Bryan, Miss Frances Newbill and Dr. J. Asa Shield.

After the supper meeting, this committee, with Mrs. Bedford's assistance, worked out a plan designed to permit as many children as possible to enjoy the competitive benefits and instruction of the Pony Club program. It was decided that mounted rallies will be held in Goochland County about once each month and for convenience the dismounted rallies will be held in Richmond. The Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Franklin, was authorized to have entry blanks prepared and Major Bayliss, the District Commissioner, drew up a letter to go to all interested children advising them of the general program and that applications for membership may be made at the office of the Secretary at 221 East Main St. in Richmond. Dr. Shield again offered the use of Fullstream Farm for a rally on Sunday, January 24th, and at that time the new members will be divided into groups according to their ability. It was felt that almost all of the children present are able to qualify for the D rating and, after determining that this is the case, plans will be made to work on the C tests. Following up these plans the following letter is being sent out to a large number of children and parents in the Richmond area.

At a recent meeting of interested parties, including the operators of various riding stables in and around Richmond, it was decided to form a Pony Club for the benefit of all children in the Richmond area. The outcome of this meeting was the formation of the Deep Run Hunt Branch of the United States Pony Club. This branch has been recognized by the National organization and is under the direction of a committee appointed by it.

Object: Better riders on happier horses and more fun in achieving this objective.

Method: 1. Standardization of instruction by means of the very excellent text books and teaching methods of the United States Pony Club. These include knowledge of care, feeding and looking after your mount and cleaning of tack and boots. You have to be able to do this yourself for this is a most important part of horsemanship. The riding text books are also most valuable.

2. Instructional films on equitation, showing, fox hunting and other horse activities.

3. Mounted rallies at various places. (For the first rally for Pony Club members see the note at the end).

4. Lectures by experts, veterinarians and others on different matters pertaining to the horse and rider.

5. Grading young people, when ready, in various categories by mounted and dismounted tests. Grades are D. C. B. and A. (Pony Club members will be furnished with pamphlets giving complete information about the requirements for the various ratings.) A large number of young people here could pass the D rating now and quite a number should attain the C standard. Badges are being designed which members should wear at horse shows, in the hunting field and at other horse events. These badges will allow members certain privileges, and when visiting in other parts of the country where there is a Pony Club branch one will be allowed all the privileges of the members of that branch.

6. It is hoped that opportunity will be given children to pursue this training program at many of the excellent stables around Richmond as well as in Goochland County.

Finance: The initiation fee to become a member of the Pony Club is \$1.50 and the annual dues are \$1.50.

Who May Become Members: All young people between the ages of 7 and 16 who are really interested in horses and ponies. It is not at all necessary that they own or have a regular mount to ride. A love of horses and ponies is the primary requisite. Those who are 17 and under 21 may become Associate Members. It is felt that many of these will be most useful as junior instructors and helpers for beginners.

General: In all cases where there is a local pack of hounds the Pony Club will be sponsored by that hunt and take its name. The Deep Run Hunt Club has kindly cooperated in the organization of this branch by sponsoring our club but it is not necessary that either members or their parents be members of that Club. However, it is hoped that many, in due time, will become hunt subscribers and enjoy the pleasure of foxhunting in Goochland County.

Any young person really interested in horses or ponies is an excellent potential Pony Club member.

W. M. F. Bayliss, Major  
District Commissioner

Note To Pony Club Members: The next Mounted Rally will be held at Fullstream Farm in Goochland County on Sunday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p. m. There will be a Paper Chase for the more experienced riders, a trail ride for those with less experience and dismounted instruction in care of tack and ponies.

## Junior Members Of Camden Hunt Stage Hunter Trials, Jan. 1

The Camden Junior Hunter Trials got off to a good start New Year's day with the working hunter class to be ridden by juniors 12 years of age and under. Miss Boake Boykin took the honors in this class, with one of the smoothest rounds of the day, on Mr. William Buckley's Adventure.

The entries in the working hunter class for riders aged 13 to 21 were many with an unusual number of good rounds. Miss Louise Coker, of Hartsville, S. C., had a lovely performance on her nice horse, Follow Me, to win the blue. Second was Stephen Clyburn on Duchess. Miss Coker and Mr. Clyburn teamed up with Red DuBose on McKinney to turn

in a round in the hunt team class which few adults could equal.

The afternoon events were run entirely by the junior members of the Camden Hunt, and they should be congratulated for putting on such a successful hunter trial.

### CORRESPONDENT Palmetto

PLACE: Camden, S. C.

TIME: January 1.

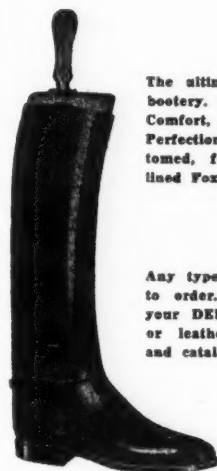
JUDGES: Mr. & Mrs. Austin Brown.

### SUMMARIES

Working hunter—12 & under—1. Adventure, William F. Buckley; 2. War Belle, Kirkwood Stables.

Working hunter—13 to 21—1. Follow Me, Louise Coker; 2. Duchess, Stephen Clyburn; 3. Sun Dance, Phoebe Miller; 4. Jerry, Helen Sheffield.

Hunt teams—1. Follow Me; McKinney, Red DuBose; Duchess; 2. Sun Dance; Scotch Reel, Graham DuBose; Rock, Raymond G. Woolfe, Jr.; 3. Kipp, Kirkwood Stables; Nyoka, Kirkwood Stables; Gray Lady, Kirkwood Stables; 4. Silent Boy, William F. Buckley; Adventure; Television, William F. Buckley.



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## Rating Centers And U. S. Pony Clubs

### Children Taught Horsemanship & All Requirements Necessary To Take Care Of Their Mounts

A. Mackay-Smith

In the early 1920's there was formed in England an organization known as the Pony Club. The founders were a group of far-sighted men and women interested in horses and riding, who realized that World War I, which had just ended, marked the close of an era in our society. Hitherto riding for pleasure had been largely the province of the gentry. Children whose parents could afford to keep a horse could also afford to keep a groom to look after it and to teach the children to ride. There was no particular necessity for the latter to learn how to look after their horses and ponies, to feed, groom and water them, to clean their stalls, to look after their feet and general health. By the same token there was no necessity for these some children to learn how to clean and care for their saddles, bridles, breeches and boots. As long as they knew enough to give intelligent orders to those who did know these things, that was sufficient.

As for teaching grooms, farmer boys and the like, there was an efficient, if rigid, system of apprenticeship whereby those destined to this particular calling learned their trade and learned it well. If the hours were long and the pay low, there was, by way of compensation, a life devoted to sport and the security which went with a social system under which masters took care of their servants—for life.

All this sounds so strange to us now that it is difficult to realize that such a system existed in this century in our own country as well as in England. The Pony Club was designed to and did in fact take its place.

It was founded on certain principles. It was to include junior riders only. It was to include their mounts, whether horses or ponies (all junior events in England are known as Pony Classes, regardless of the size of the mount employed). It was to make horses and riding fun, and was to mingle mounted games and sports with the teaching of riding, stable management and the care of horses and equipment. A system of organization was worked out based on local branches governed by a Committee and headed by a District Commissioner. Meetings of the Branches, known as rallies, both mounted and dismounted, were provided for at suitable intervals. A national organization and headquarters were established, a series of pamphlets published on various phases of the program, a lending film library assembled, and national rallies organized at which representatives from the various branches met in competition once a year. Members were awarded grade certificates in an ascending scale from D to A, to attain each of which members were required to pass examinations, much in the same way that Boy Scouts pass examinations for Merit Badges.

The results of this program exceeded the wildest expectations of the founders. In a decade the youngsters who had learned to love horses and riding and who had grown up began crowding the commercial riding stables to such an extent that Parliament found it necessary to pass special legislation regulating these establishments. The foxhunt-

ers which had come out of the branches, many of which had been sponsored by the organized hunts of England, were largely responsible for keeping the sport flourishing both during and following World War II. The movement spread to Ireland, to Canada and to other members of the British Commonwealth, where it met with almost equal success.

Last spring a group met at the house of Mrs. Dean Bedford, Fallston, Maryland, to organize a national Pony Club for the United States. Previous to that time a very few branches affiliated with the English Pony Club had been formed in this country. Notable among these was the Elkridge-Harford Branch of which Mrs. Bedford was District Commissioner. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. D. G. Rockwell, a member of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Pony Club, who outlined the development of its work in that country. Col. Howard Fair reported that in the course of a recent visit to England he had received assurances from Pony Club headquarters that all its publications and other material would be made available to the United States organization, even though the two organizations would not be directly affiliated. A. Mackay-Smith, Editor of the weekly publication *The Chronicle*, offered to make its columns fully available for the purpose of publicising the work of the new organization.

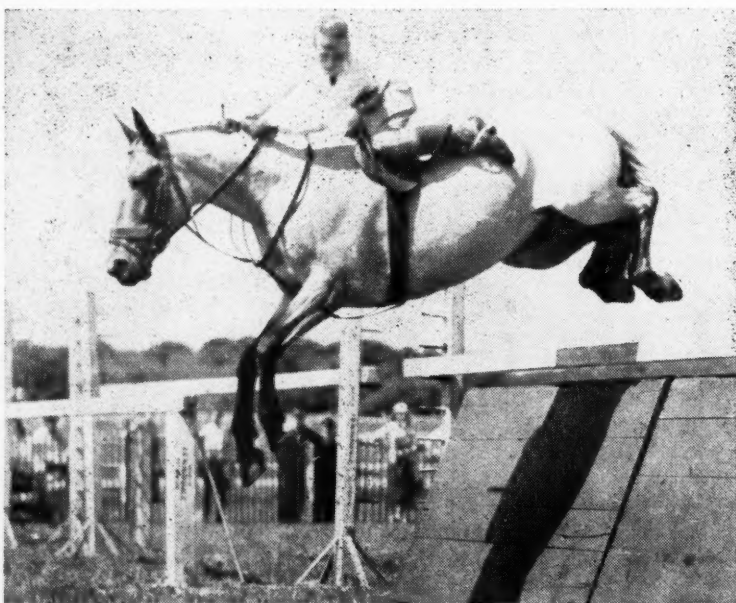
The United States Pony Club thus came into being, Mrs. Bedford being elected Chairman of a Temporary Advisory Committee. Since that time the Committee has been taking steps toward the completion of the organization; toward the publication of a series of instructional pamphlets, some patterned

after the pamphlets used in England, but with the text modified to suit conditions here; others with an entirely original text; toward the accumulation of a film library; and toward the enrollment of member branches. Its timetable has been geared to being in operation by spring 1954. Nevertheless enthusiasm for the idea has been so great that approximately 25 branches have already been formed or are in the process of formation.

It has been evident from the beginning that teaching riding is at the heart of the Pony Club program. In the field of teaching the Riding and Rating Centers held during the past few years under the auspices of the Riding Committee of the NSGWS have been outstanding. They have offered what is virtually the only means by which a prospective or present teacher of riding can obtain from a nationally recognized organization a Rating as to her or his competence. The members of the Temporary Advisory Committee of the United States Pony Club believe that teachers with NSGWS ratings will be the most valuable and reliable source from which to secure instructors for the work of Pony Club branches. One of the Committee's first moves was to approach the NSGWS Riding Committee with a request that the latter cooperate with it to the end that the teaching manual and syllabus to be published by the Pony Club should conform to the standards of the NSGWS.

This request was immediately and courteously granted by Mrs. John T. Campbell, Chairman, and the members of her Committee. Acting in consultation with Miss Harriet Rogers and Captain Vladimir Littauer, the Committee appointed Mr. and Mrs. David Munroe of New York to prepare a draft of such a manual, which would then be submitted both to the Committee and to the Pony Club for approval. Mr. Munroe has since been appointed Chairman of the Publications Committee of the United States Pony Club and the draft has nearly been completed.

It is to be hoped that this cooperation between the two organizations so happily begun, will be of great mutual benefit and of long duration.



(Reynolds Photo)

Owner-rider David Bruce Wheeler on Top Quest Topsy, is a constant threat in the open jumping classes in the New England area, and has many blue ribbons to show for his efforts.



# Grass Roots



## "Web Of Life" A First Book Of Ecology Should Be Required Reading In All Schools

Kent Leavitt

"Nature will not accept ignorance of her laws as an alibi". What a challenge is this stimulating thought which Fairfield Osborn, President of the Conservation Foundation, has incorporated in his forward to the "Web of Life" a first book of ecology by John H. Storer. Devin—Adair Co., New York, 1953.

It seems to us that Dr. Osborn has touched, not only on one of the most important reasons for this book but on one which the author has handled in a most intelligent and understanding manner.

Most of us are so apt to become so intrigued with one particular aspect of a problem, be it agricultural, financial, industrial, historical or political, that we lose sight of its place in the general scheme of things and fail to recognize some of the outside forces on which our subject depends or which may effect its very existence. "It (The Web Of Life)" deals with things you know all about but it puts them in their proper place" was one of the comments we heard offered on this book and with which we heartily agree. It took us back to our school and college days when we studied American history then English History then Spanish. Each of these subjects was apt to be so concentrated and localized that to the student's mind they were entities in themselves with not too pertinent a relationship to other countries in particular or to the world in general. It was not until we took a general course in the history of art in which were traced the activities of the great architects, painters and sculptors as they worked in different countries and for different patrons that we began to visualize the whole picture of history. So it is with ecology, the story of the relationship of the various forces and elements in nature and their re-

actions on each other and on us, the end product.

The Web Of Life will be of interest to all ages. It is hard to judge its relative appeal to urban or rural minds. To our way of thinking, it should not only be fascinating but of real value to anybody who will take time to read it.

Although not couched in technical terms, the scientific facts are so simply presented that they give real life to subjects as prosaic as the formation of soils or the reasons for the prevailing winds. This latter item is one of the most intriguing in the whole book. Not only are the reasons expressed with unusual clarity but the effects of these same winds on soil, plants, animals and man's civilization give great satisfaction to those who have not understood these phenomena.

Bird watchers of all varieties will be both amused and assisted by the chapters on the feeding habits and the manner in which nature has adjusted bird numbers to environment. Frank Trevor, who is the national scientist at the Millbrook School for Boys, recommends Storer highly as an observer but also for his sound knowledge of the subject at hand.

An added attraction is a whole section of pictures of a most unusual quality and significance.

We urge that this book be on the shelves of your public library and hope that members of the PTA may use their influence in having it adopted as suggested or required reading in all the schools.

## Rochester Pony Club Brings Out 35 Mounted Riders For First Rally

The newly formed branch of the U. S. Pony Club held the first mounted rally on November 7 in the ring at the Dale Martin Farm. Perfect, warm fall weather helped to bring out about 35 mounted members. This group is being formed around the nucleus of the former Rochester Variety 4-H Horse Club, with a good many new members who were excluded by the minimum age requirement in the 4-H Clubs, or who, for other reasons had not belonged to the local groups before.

The meeting was in the nature of an experiment, to find how the rally would work with such an assorted group, some of whom are fairly advanced in riding and showing, some of whom ride Western, and some of whom are absolute beginners. An effort was made to have something interesting for the different types of riders, and at this meeting we had no jumping as the members who ride hunters or hunter type horses have had quite a lot of instruction previously. Instead, those riders who were able to do so had their first mounted drill experience under the instruction of Gordon Miller. Mr. Miller started with both kinds of equipment and about 25 kinds of horses, who went in 25 directions and at nearly that many different speeds, but at the end of an hour they were doing the more elementary movements of drill work amazingly well.

At that point Don Wilcox, a former rodeo performer, rancher and trick rider, took on the Western riders for a brief lecture, stressing the fact that real stockmen don't ride "like they do on television". His purpose is to try to play down the gaudy shirts, the tight, bright pants fad, and help those youngsters who really want to ride stock saddles to do so with better taste, less rough stuff, and more real horsemanship. At the end of his lesson the group relaxed for hot chocolate and hot dogs cooked on a grill that the Jim Stirlings had loaded on their truck and transported to the meet.

After lunch, Gordon Miller again took the group of older riders to play games, and they held relay races, bareback races and other death-defying contests. In the triple relays, the team composed of Steve Seiffert on Miss Ripple, Barney Noyes on Horace, and John Donnelly on Tinker beat the girls' team of Franny Duffield, Mary Bailey and Judy Yount, with Howard Miller and Tim Everhard third. Third member of this team, pressed into service to make the team, was Mr. Alex Duffield with the ex-race horse Major Action. Major is noted for his peaceful outlook on life, but in this triple relay, where each contestant rode all the three horses on the team a full round, the hoof beats on turf finally

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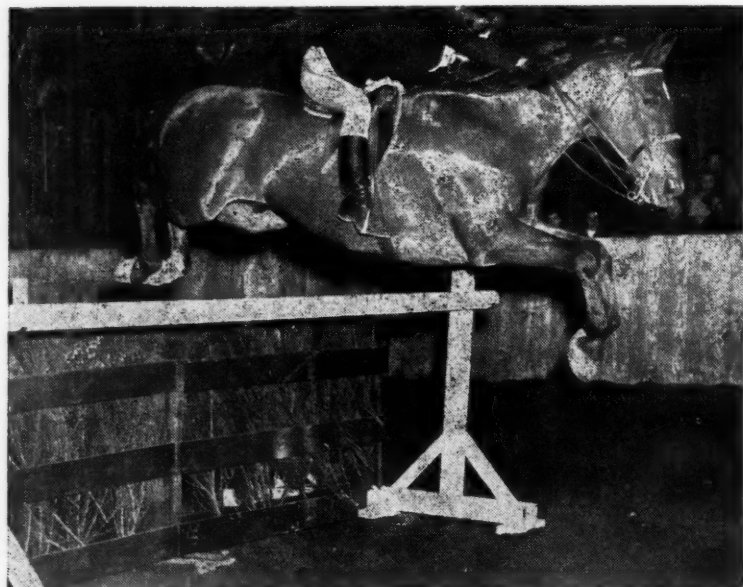
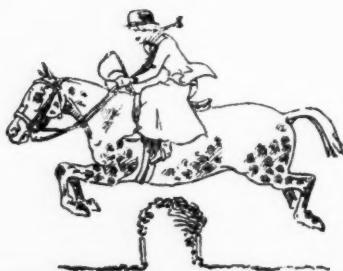
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# HORSE SHOWS

## Weekly News

### From The

### Show Circuits



(J. F. Malony)

MR. MAC, owned by Libby Ruch, was champion hunter hack of Washington State.

## Ashantee Riding Club

Entries of Mrs. Charles Case of Charlton Farms, Avon were high scorers with 35 points in the Tri-City Buffalo and Avon indoor horse shows. These points were gained at the Ashantee Riding Club Horse Show—this gives Mrs. Case the lead in the winter competition. Tibbett's Hill, the Case entry, won the pleasure hacks, children's jumpers, and the bridle path classes as well as a 2nd and two thirds in other classes.

John Vass of Syracuse won both the jumper sweepstake and the knock-down-and-out class with Blue Fern.

### SHOW CORRESPONDENT Mike Kelley

PLACE: Buffalo, N. Y.  
TIME: December 27.  
JUDGE: Robert Sloan.

#### SUMMARIES

Pleasure hacks—1. Tibbett's Hill, Mrs. C. Z. Case; 2. Butch, Marcia Pearson; 3. Lucky Strike, Mrs. C. Z. Case; 4. Miss Cindy, Elton Bream.

Novice jumping—1. Light Up, Charles Hawkes; 2. Omalene, Margaret Preston; 3. Hogan, Say Joy Farms; 4. What Now, Rita Peplat.

Horsemanship, under 12—1. Marcia Pearson; 2. Elizabeth Case; 3. Patty Joynt.

Hunter hacks—1. Red Gate, John Vass; 2. Sky's Question, William Faugh; 3. Tibbett's Hill; 4. Omalene.

Open jumpers—1. Ethel M., San Joy Farms;

2. Never Again, Roger Young; 3. Blue Fern, John Vass; 4. Sky's Question.

Children's jumpers—1. Tibbett's Hill; 2. Amber, Mrs. C. Z. Case.

Working hunters—1. Never Again; 2. Entry, San Joy Farms; 3. Sky's Question; 4. Hoosier Lad, Elton Bream.

Knock-down-and-out—1. Blue Fern; 2. Tiny Lady, Frank Snyder; 3. Sky's Question; 4. Ethel M.

Conformation hunters—1. Entry, William Faugh; 2. Replica, San Joy Farms; 3. Tibbett's Hill; 4. Hogan, San Joy Farms.

Open children's class—1. Nutmeg, Patty Joynt; 2. Tibbett's Hill; 3. Butch; 4. Amber.

Bridle trail hack—1. Tibbett's Hill; 2. Amber; 3. Lucky Strike.

Jumper sweepstake—1. Blue Fern; 2. Never Again; 3. Ethel M.; 4. Oklahoma, Bud Kane.

## New Year Indoor

With the invariable cold that goes along with the Ox Ridge Indoor Ring the show got underway with a very good bunch of entries on the day after New Year's. Efficiently managed by Miss Felicia Townsend and Otto Heuckeroth, and headed by a committee chairmaned by Richard Carver, the show moved quickly and without a hitch, and let people get home before dawn the next day! So many indoor shows drag on past midnight, it was a relief to leave by 10:45.

In the open jumper ranks, it was an easy sweep for that new Canadian horse, Riviera Mann. Ridden by Sonny Brooks,

this combination really has clicked, with the pair winning blues and being in contention for championships at the Garden and Boulder Brook before taking home the meat here at Ox Ridge. Only one point separated two horses for the reserve, and previous to the stake their positions were reversed. Shannon Stables big grey, Lad O'War, ridden by Betty Haight, was tied with Roger Young and his ex-horsemanship horse, Never Again, going into the stake. With the blue going to Riviera Mann with ½ a fault, Roger claimed second with one fault while Betty had to settle for third, having had 1½ faults. This sent the reserve tri-color back to Rochester, N. Y. with Roger.

In the working hunter division, it was a two horse show, with Gordon Wright's consistent, ever dependable Royal Guard easily beating out Mrs. John Farrell's brilliantly marked chestnut Gold Coin. Placing in every class entered, Royal Guard accumulated 17½ points for the tri-color, to 11 for Gold Coin. In the

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## New Year Indoor

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stake however, it was a different story; as Course "K" was the one to be toured. Only two horses got around without a mishap, all the others either refusing or knocking down timber, and both of these horses were ridden by Althea Knickerbocker, who is winning quite a few stakes of late; aboard Ralph Petersen's Sporting Chance, and Susan Findlay's Heads Up, she accounted for one-two, over a good group of horses.

With 28 horses entered in the children's working hunters and 25 in the MacLay, I don't think there is much worry about as to the juniors losing interest in showing! Ox Ridge has always been a haven for riders who are out for their last gasp either in the MacLay or Medal, and this year was no exception, as two people who were right down to the wire due to age limits, accounted for the blue in both events. In the MacLay it was lovely Louise Filter, who, although she does not turn 17 until April has to attend boarding school and does not get another chance to compete. The Medal went to Billie Eadie, who is racing to get her quota of three before she becomes too old in February, and this was number two, with one more to get.

Billie also took home the championship, which was held over a very nice course, allowing the riders to show their control and management, through a low, wingless quadruple in-and-out, which was a mental hazard to many of the horses and riders. In for reserve was Ronnie La Roche, whose good jumping Cinderella carried her to the blue in the advanced horsemanship class. Also in contention and giving the champs a run to the finish were Sandy Glynn, who won two very good seconds, Susan White, winner of a very good limit class, and Kathy Copps and Phyllis Field who placed consistently throughout the day.

### SHOW CORRESPONDENT Victor Hugo-Vidal

PLACE: Darien, Conn.  
TIME: January 2.

JUDGES: Charles J. Barrie, Mr. & Mrs. John M. Melville; Brig. Gen. John Tupper Cole; Frederick L. Devereux, Jr.

HORSEMANSHIP CH.: Billie Eadie.  
Res.: Ronnie La Roche.

JUMPER CH.: Riviera Mann, Bernie Mann.  
Res.: Never Again, Roger Young, Jr.

WORKING HUNTER CH.: Royal Guard, Gordon Wright.  
Res.: Gold Coin, Mrs. John J. Farrell.

### SUMMARIES

Open jumpers—1. Riviera Mann, Bernie Mann; 2. Eat N Run, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel E. Mag'd; 3. Lady Eaves, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Geoly; 4. Riviera Rest, Bernie Mann.

Working hunters—limit—1. Gold Coin, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 2. Honeybrook, Betts Nashem; 3. Tourist Encore, Mr. & Mrs. Leon S. Haymond; 4. Royal Revel, Sandy Glynn.

Children's working hunters—1. Roman Kay, Bessie Bulkley; 2. Bravo, Kathy Copps; 3. Dixie, Mrs. Keith Ward; 4. Flare On, H. C. Filter.

Open horsemanship—1. Louise A. Filter; 2. Sandy Glynn; 3. Phyllis Field; 4. Barbara Kellam; 5. Billie Eadie; 6. Rosalind La Roche.

Working hunters—open—1. Royal Guard, Gordon Wright; 2. Gold Coin; 3. Androcles, Dr. & Mrs. Jordon Woodcock; 4. Heads Up, Susan Findlay.

Open jumpers—1. Never Again, Roger Young, Jr.; 2. Lad O'War, Shannon Stables; 3. Riviera Mann; 4. Hoppaway, William Backer.

Open horsemanship—1. Pamela Phillips; 2. Julie Kellam; 3. Kathy Copps; 4. Barbara Friedemann; 5. Gigi Greason; 6. Diana Drake. Limit horsemanship—1. Susan White; 2. Elizabeth Few; 3. Bessie Bulkley; 4. Diana Drake; 5. Kathy Young; 6. Patsy Bulkley.

Open jumpers—1. Riviera Mann; 2. Jack o' Lantern, Mr. & Mrs. Leon S. Haymond; 3. Never Again; 4. Dudley, Mr. & Mrs. Leon S. Haymond.

A.H.S.A. medal class, hunting seat—1. Billie

Eadie; 2. Sandy Glynn; 3. Linda Fitz Randolph; 4. Bessie Bulkley; 5. Henry C. Filter, Jr.; 6. Louise A. Filter.

Ladies' working hunters—1. Royal Guard; 2. Androcles; 3. Heads Up; 4. Honeybrook.

Children's working hunter backs—1. Androcles; 2. Royal Revel; 3. Good Luck, Rosalind La Roche; 4. Burnable, Pamela Phillips.

A.S.P.C.A. horsemanship event—1. Louise A. Filter; 2. Sally Parrot; 3. Dora Wheeler; 4. Kathy Copps; 5. Barbara Friedemann; 6. Diana Drake.

Working hunter backs—1. Ancient Story, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 2. Androcles; 3. Golden Vale, Mrs. John J. Farrell; 4. Honeybrook.

Open jumpers—1. Jack o' Lantern; 2. Riviera Mann; 3. Lad O'War; 4. Hoppaway.

Advanced junior horsemanship—1. Rosalind La Roche; 2. Billie Eadie; 3. Barbara Kellam; 4. Phyllis Field; 5. Louise A. Filter; 6. Sissy Duffy.

Working hunters—1. Golden Vale; 2. Heads Up; 3. Lucky Miss, Caumsett; 4. Royal Guard. Working hunters—open—1. Gold Coin; 2. Royal Guard; 3. Sporting Chance, Ralph Petersen; 4. Driftwood, Ned Hancock; 5. Lucky Miss.

Open jumpers—1. Lad O'War; 2. Never Again; 3. Riviera Mann; 4. Riviera Miss, Bernie Mann.

Hunters under saddle—1. Ancient Story; 2. Driftwood; 3. Honeybrook; 4. Warranty, Hedda von Goeben; 5. Wheelman, Caumsett.

\$200 working hunter stake—1. Sporting Chance; 2. Heads Up; 3. Royal Guard; 4. Mount Merriam, Rice Farms; 5. Pepper P., Marjorie Weisenburger.

\$200 jumper stake—1. Riviera Mann; 2. Never Again; 3. Lad O'War; 4. Bim X, Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Carroll; 5. Riviera Miss; 6. Eat N Run.

## Southlands Farm

Southlands Farm (Rhinebeck, N. Y.) held a "Just for Fun" horse show open to all Southlands pupils, both present and former. Although the day was unusually mild for the season, all classes were held in the small indoor ring as many of the competing horses were un-

shod. There was a good turn out and all classes were well filled.

Captain T. Fred Marsman and Mr. Thomas Cathcart were the judges. They did a fine job and at the end of the show talked to the riders about their riding and gave the children the opportunity to ask questions.

The indoor ring at Southlands measures 38' x 90' which is a relatively small jumping area. Riders must have their horses under control and their thinking apparatus in good working order to negotiate the courses.

PLACE: Rhinebeck, N. Y.

TIME: January 3.

JUDGES: Capt. T. Fred Marsman; Thomas Cathcart.

### SUMMARIES

Ponies shown individually—1. Pinkie, Sally Williams; 2. Southlands Chintz, Linda Stacks; 3. Southlands Malaya, Jim Morse; 4. Grumpy, Fern Zipser.

Riders 13 & over—1. Mary Lee Lane; 2. Connie Poppo; 3. Linda Stacks; 4. Mary Ann Banyo.

Horses shown individually—1. Southlands Jeannette, Sally Williams; 2. Black Cat, Connie Poppo; 3. Peter, Mary Ann Banyo; 4. Mairsy Doats, Mary Lee Lane.

Riders under 13—1. Sally Williams; 2. Mitch Morse; 3. Jim Morse; 4. Fern Zipser.

Jumping, 4 jumps with 2 changes of direction, twice around—1. Eva van Ryn; 2. Helen Dargan; 3. Connie Poppo; 4. Jim Morse.

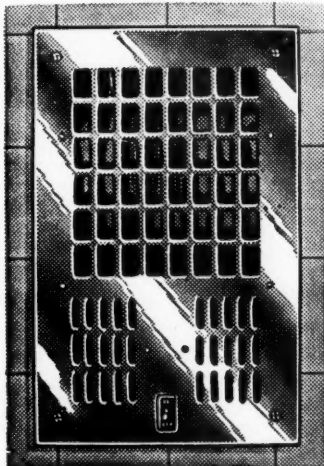
Beginners of 1953—1. Linda Wheeler; 2. Harry France; 3. Ellen Reiss; 4. Nancy Stanton; 5. Clare O'Neil; 6. Dick Phelan.

Jumping, 2 jumps, figure 8 course, twice around—1. Mitch Morse; 2. Mary Lee Lane; 3. Mary Ann Banyo; 4. Sally Williams.

Horse obedience jumping—1. Black Cat; 2. Handy, Eva van Ryn; 3. Mairsy Doats; 4. Snowflake, Helen Dargan.

Pony obedience jumping—1. Southlands Malaya; 2. Kremer Much, Sally Williams; 3. Southlands Chintz; 4. Grumpy.

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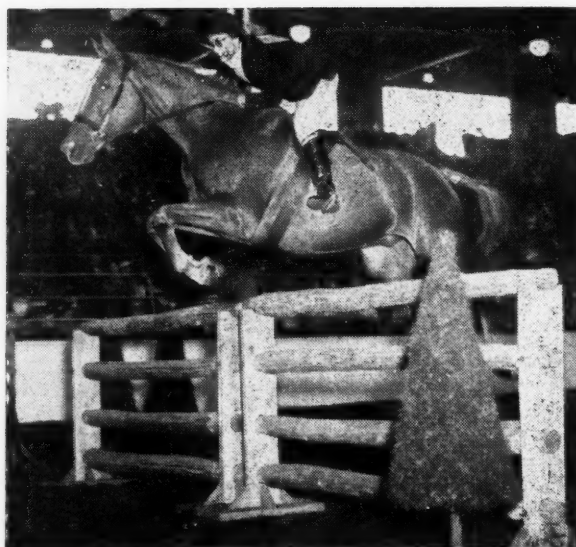
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## Texas Champions



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**TELL ALL**, owner-rider Kay Christie up, was the green hunter champion of Texas.



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**WEDGEWOOD**, conformation hunter champion with his owner-rider Suzanne Penn up.

## Texas Hunter And Jumper Association High Point Awards

### JUMPER

**CHAMPION:**  
Analyze, Suzanne Penn ..... 93½  
**RES.:** (Undecided)

Reuben Reuben, Hobby Horse Stables	46
Mad Money, Mrs. Charles Zimmerman	47½
Miss Budweiser, August A. Busch, Jr.	43
Geronimo, Dick Dyke	40
Kangaroo, Harlon Theim	37
Daddy Bill, Parish Stables	36
Rafferty, Mrs. Helen Ingmire	27½
Moonshine, Parish Stables	24
Bubbles, Hobby Horse Stables	21½

### CONFORMATION HUNTER

**CHAMPION:**  
Wedgewood, Suzanne Penn ..... 89½  
**RES.:**  
Tuxedo, Hobby Horse Stables ..... 73½

Pappy, Kay Greenwood	73
Mimosa, Mrs. J. P. McFarland	50
Red Bird, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baskowitz	27
Colonel, Cynthia Brants	24
Loaded, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baskowitz	21

Villa Verde, Frank Coates, Jr.	20½
Tell All, Kay Christie	20
Warrior, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baskowitz	20
Mainspring, W. P. Hobby, Jr.	10

### WORKING HUNTER

**CHAMPION:**  
Colonel, Cynthia Brants ..... 67½  
**RES.:**  
Reveille, Linda Davis ..... 31

Benbrook, J. H. Snowden	24½
Eager, Lollie Dyke	24
Hobo, Dr. Joe Barnhart	24
Brownwood, Sally Meyer	19
Never Trail, Carol Fraser	19
Overdrive, Charles Griffin	17
Heigh Lea, Arvilla Taylor	16½
Hunter's Headlight, Parish Stable	8
Slipalong, Mary K. McFarland	5
Anglo American, Mrs. Shirley Reagor	5
Moonshine, Parish Stables	5
Mainspring, W. P. Hobby, Jr.	5
Jack Daniels, Sue Rowan	5
Tally Ho, Mrs. Whitney Donaldson	4

### GREEN HUNTER

**CHAMPION:**  
Tell All, Kay Christie ..... 48  
**RES.:**  
Blue Bit, Hobby Horse Stables ..... 35½  
Big Lad, Earle Parker ..... 29½  
Heigh Lea, Arvilla Taylor ..... 22

Safari, Hobby Horse Stables	6½
Fire and Ice, Parish Stables	3½
Country Squire, Harlon Theim	3
Red River, Allan Connell	1½
Coquette, Mrs. Jack Young	1

### JUNIOR HUNTER

**CHAMPION:**  
Southern Cross, Merrick Coates ..... 40½  
**RES.:**  
Slipalong, Mary K. McFarland ..... 40

Plum Puddin', Merrick Coates	24
Rifrafrus, Kay Greenwood	12
Hunter's Headlight, Parish Stables	8½
Safari, Hobby Horse Stables	8
Patrick, Ann Page	7
Aztec Chief, Mary Elizabeth Hams	5½
Yeso, Thelma Gwilliam	5
Mission Road, Will Farish	5
Moonshine, Parish Stables	5
My Time, Kay Greenwood	4
Reward, Sue Cocke	4

### JUNIOR JUMPER

**CHAMPION:**  
My Time, Kay Greenwood ..... 14  
**RES.:**  
Skipper, Nancy Gosnell ..... 13

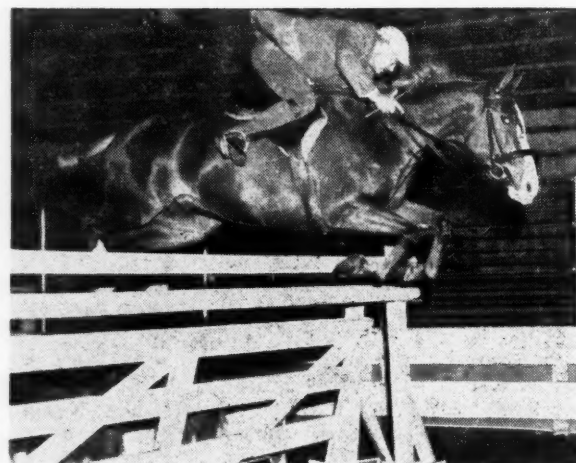
Sky Sweeper, Nina Perlitz	8
Bubbles, Hobby Horse Stables	7
Bonnie, Mary Louise Multz	6

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(Lee Angle Photo)

**COLONEL**, the working hunter champion is owned by Miss Cynthia Brants.



(Tom Darling Photo)

**ANALYZE**, the jumper champion is owned by Suzanne Penn, and the rider in this photo is Charles Zimmerman.





(Tom Darling Photo)

**SUE COCKE** on **Reward**—Miss Cocke was the horsemanship champion in the 13 to 18 years age group.



(Tom Darling Photo)

**MISS ELIZABETH IAMS**, the horsemanship champion for the 12 years and under division.

## Hunting Hill Jr. Hunt

The Hunting Hill Junior Hunt started its indoor schooling shows on December 27, with a rather impromptu show, which was very capably judged by Mrs. Myron E. Merry.

The 10 years and under touch and out was won by 7-year-old Twink McBride after several jump offs with Alice Olsen, who made her first show a winning one, collecting a ribbon in every class. Watts Humphrey and Marcia Williams also did well with two blues apiece. In the older division it looks as though the race for the championship might well be between George Humphrey's nice-going Dynaflo and Kathy O'Neill's Sticky Gold.

### SHOW CORRESPONDENT Debby Williams

PLACE: Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

TIME: December 27.

JUDGE: Mrs. Myron E. Merry.

### SUMMARIES

Beginner's jumping—1. Moth, Alice Olsen; 2. Roany, Twink McBride; 3. Entry, Caren Vignos.

Horsemanship-10 years & under—1. Watts Humphrey; 2. Alice Olsen; 3. Marcia Williams.

Horsemanship-11 years & over—1. Kathy O'Neill; 2. Debby Williams; 3. Margo Humphrey.

Working hunters—A—1. David, Watts Humphrey; 2. Moth; 3. Peanuts, Twink McBride.

Working hunters—B—1. Mr. Finck, Debby Williams; 2. Dynaflo, George Humphrey; 3. Wisecrack, Molly O'Neill.

Hunter hack—A—1. Annabelle, Marcia Williams; 2. Moth; 3. David.

Hunter hack—B—1. Wisecrack; 2. Sticky Gold, Kathy O'Neill; 3. Dynaflo.

Touch and out—A—1. Peanuts; 2. Moth; 3. David.

Touch and out—B—1. Dynaflo; 2. Richard, Bonnie Burton; 3. Sticky Gold.

Pleasure horse—A—1. Annabelle; 2. Moth; 3. Peanuts.

Pleasure horse—B—1. T'Aint True, Margo Humphrey; 2. Sticky Gold; 3. Dynaflo.

## Texas Awards

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Sad Sack, Edgepark Stables ..... 5  
War Balance, Bobby Gosnell ..... 5  
Plum Puddin', Merrick Coates ..... 4  
Red Head, Parish Stables ..... 4  
Slipalong, Mary Kay McFarland ..... 3  
Finnegan, Katie Anderson ..... 3

Reward, Sue Cocke ..... 3  
Yeso, Thelma Gwilliam ..... 3  
Indian Dawn, Ridglea Hills Stables ..... 2  
Southern Cross, Merrick Coates ..... 2  
Patrick, Ann Page ..... 2  
Moonshine, Parish Stables ..... 2  
Daddy Bill, Parish Stables ..... 1  
Starlight, Parish Stables ..... 1

### HORSEMANSHIP (12 & Under)

CHAMPION:  
Mary Elizabeth Iams ..... 17  
RES.:  
Mary Kay McFarland ..... 15

Sally Eastham ..... 5  
Thelma Gwilliam ..... 5  
Katie Anderson ..... 2  
Ellyn Mills ..... 2  
Eddie Whitridge ..... 1  
Marion Dewar ..... 1

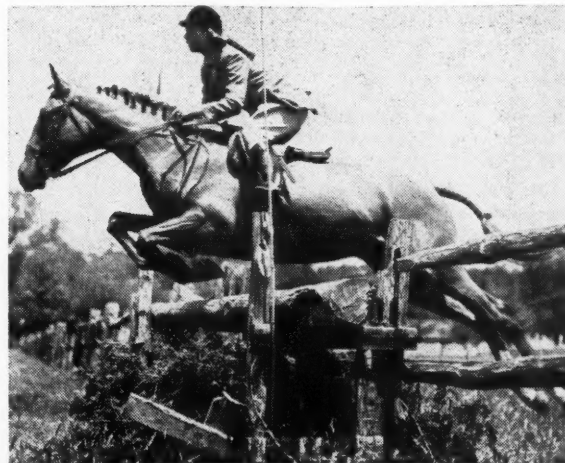
### HORSEMANSHIP (13-18)

CHAMPION:  
Sue Cocke ..... 20  
RES.:  
Merrick Coates ..... 14

Linda Davis ..... 6  
Ann Page ..... 6  
Janet Allison ..... 6  
Nina Perlitz ..... 6  
Kay Greenwood ..... 3  
Will Farish ..... 3



**MY TIME**, junior jumper champion, with his owner-rider Miss Kay Greenwood up.



**SOUTHERN CROSS**, owner-rider Miss Merrick Coates up—the junior hunter champion.

## Middle Tennessee Branch Of U. S. Pony Club Holds Successful Rally

Margaret Lindsley Warden

Horse Shows usually cost ribbons if nothing else. The Rally staged by and for the Middle Tennessee Branch of the United States Pony Club at Nashville, Nov. 28, incurred only a few dollars expenses for arm bands, safety pins, etc.

They don't give out ribbons to basket ball winners and horse event winners can do without them too.

About 50 youngsters competed by teams of four. Captains made entries and received colored arm bands, numbers, and pins for their teams. Ten full teams and several incomplete ones participated in team appearance, saddling race, egg and spoon race, relay race, and "spelling bee" on parts, colors, markings, etc., of the horse and saddlery.

Credit was accorded teams, not individuals, though the newspaper account mentioned individuals as winning for respective teams.

Clean saddlery, well groomed mounts, and neatly dressed riders were in the sponsors' minds for "team appearance". Low and behold, sport stores had been cleaned out for new riding habits! The erstwhile blue jean, hatless set were hard to recognize.

The test on the part of the horse and saddlery was such a success that it was a fizzle. Requirements had been memorized so thoroughly from charts mailed to members that the examiners couldn't stump enough to get any winners. Nearly all those eliminated were brand new members who hadn't seen the charts. When every fair question was exhausted most of the teams were still intact. So the grown folks had to give up with promises to make the next test harder.

After contestants swallowed the snacks they brought hot chocolate supplied by two of the mamas, they were divided into groups for instruction. Sponsors wondered if some would leave when the games were over. They didn't. Just three lead-line members were removed by their parents.

Climax of the Rally was the test for C standard. The better riders were put through the official requirements. Four judges, well primed and armed with the "book", graded contestants separately on score sheets attached to large clip boards. Those youngsters averaging 75 were advised by letter a few days later.

The site of this first Rally of the Middle Tennessee Branch was the Northumberland Stud of Guilford Dudley, Jr., owner of the hunt racing 'chaser, Foxy Poise, and past president of the Thoroughbred Club of Tennessee.

The Middle Tennessee Branch of the United States Pony Club has 82 members divided into five groups. Two are in Nashville and one each in Franklin, Brentwood, and Lebanon.

Each group is presided over by a

sponsor appointed by the Co-Chairmen (Mrs. C. H. Kinnard and the contributor) and officers are elected by fellow-members.

## Radnor Jr. Hunt

On Monday, Dec., 28, Mr. Henry L. Collins, Jr., M. F. H., Radnor, sent his hounds out for the annual Radnor Christmas Junior Hunt. Vans and children galore were on hand, anticipating a good hunt.

Mr. Evans brought out 23½ couple of hounds and then the Field of 106 was off behind Miss Betsy Crozer, Junior Master. Hounds moved on down-country through White Horse Farm and into Mrs. Scott's and Yarnall's. A fox was found in Cherry Knoll, and ran through Battles', Mrs. duPont's and back through Yarnall's, then down-country to Mrs. duPont's where rain spoiled the scent, making an hour and twenty minutes run. The Field had a very good chance to see some really good hound work, together with a spectacular view of a fine, big red fox.

From that point on, scent was very spotty, and although there was no lack of foxes hounds were unable to do anything more. Following the Hunt, the Field was invited to Breakfast as the guests of Mesdames Chance, Collins, Craven, Crozer, Cummin, Dixon, Gwinn, Hall, Hufnagel, and Scull. Mr. Hoffman showed movies that he had taken of the surrounding hunts; Radnor, Rose Tree, and Unionville, together with some very good pictures of cubs, taken in the summer.

Included among the Field were Juniors from Pickering, Whitelands, Rose Tree, and Unionville, enjoying the good

sport with their Radnor hosts. Many thanks go to Mr. Collins and Mr. Evans for the wonderful hunt, and to the hosts for the breakfast. —B. C.

## Rochester Pony Club

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awoke the old horse's dormant competitive spirit, and on the last round he and Alex disappeared for home without stopping for conversation going like the winner coming into the stretch. Last item was a little stick and ball polo, but the results of the game have escaped me.

Everyone seemed to enjoy this meeting, and we plan to begin them again as soon as the weather permits in the spring. A number of the members meet regularly all winter, but our members live far apart and with paved roads to travel, it is difficult to get the whole club together on horses during the bad weather. We have planned a meeting for the middle of January for the purpose of formal organization of the Pony Club Branch, and hope to meet regularly once a month with someone to speak on subjects of interest to the youngsters.

—Anonymous

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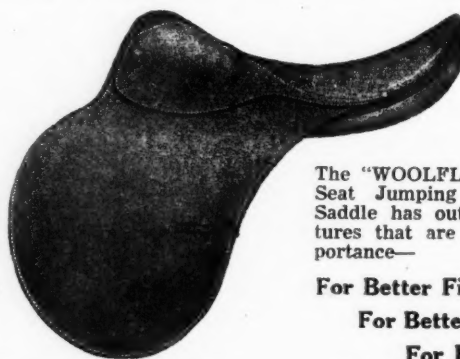
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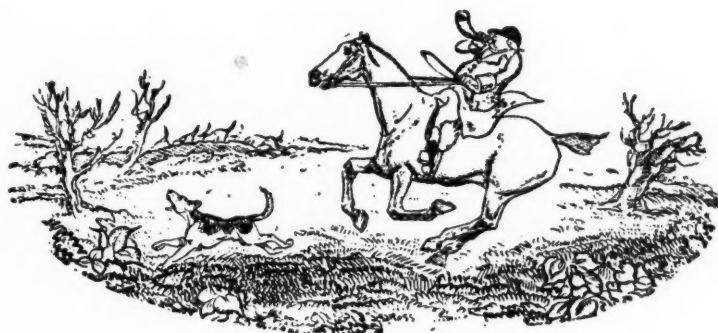
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## Field Sports



### Sport In Mississippi—Evening A Score With Our Tormentor, The Big Alligator

Col. F. G. Skinner

A week or two since we endeavored to show, through our own experience in clearing a plantation in the great swamp of Louisiana, that young men devoted to the rod and gun found compensation in their exercise for most of the hardships of pioneer life. In that article alligators are mentioned as one of the most serious annoyances encountered in our attempt, which was finally successful, in subduing a portion of that gloomy wilderness of cypress swamp and canebrake and bringing it under the dominion of the plow. We have thought that some account of our personal experience with alligators might interest our readers.

Our first encounter with these ugly saurians occurred in Mississippi, where we became familiar with the brutes and their habits before we crossed the Mississippi to become a pioneer in the Louisiana swamp, where we lost many a night's rest by the bellowings and several valuable dogs by the jaws of these ferocious reptiles.

We had the good fortune on our first arrival out from Maryland, to settle in a charming neighborhood of educated and wealthy planters, most of whom were from our native State. It was the custom in the settlement to have a fish fry at a neighboring lake every Saturday throughout the spring and fall, at which everybody far and near was a welcome guest. At the lake a long shed had been built and an ample supply of boats and cooking utensils provided at the common expense. On the days of meeting the oldest member of the club present, whoever he might be, took command by right of seniority, and detailed by name, different members of the club present to provide the fish for the day's consumption. Some, and these went in pairs, would go out in canoes to gig the large buffalo fish as they lay lazily sunning themselves on the surface of the water, and others would go singly in boats to angle for the large sun perch which fairly swarmed in certain parts of the lake.

It so happened that one day we were detailed to provide the perch, and were directed to paddle out to clump of small cypress trees growing in the middle of the lake immediately out of water four or five feet deep. Selecting what appeared to be the best canoe at the landing, though it was so crank, that is, so easy to capsize, as to require much greater skill than we then possessed to manage it, we launched forth and soon reached the cypress grove. Making fast to one of the trees, we commenced fishing, with great success, until one of those sharks of Southern Waters, an alligator gar, made a dash at a fish as we were hauling it in, and with a rush that no skill could check or tackle resist, he snapped our rod in the middle of the third joint and carried away half our line.

Knowing that the presence of this monster gar—the fellow could not have weighed less than fifty pounds—would scare away the smaller fish, we cast loose our "dug-out" and paddled off some 200 or 300 yards away, and made fast to another cypress, not much thicker in the stem than a man's arm, and here we commenced repairing damages. We had taken the last turn in splicing the broken joint of the rod when we heard close by a sound something like a faint sigh. Looking around, what was our horror, (and, we are not ashamed to confess, dread dismay) at seeing protruding from the water a pair of eyes, and vaguely outlined beneath the surface of the semi-transparent fluid the huge dimensions of a monster alligator—the first we had ever seen alive. But the most appalling thing was the intense and demoniacal expression of those eyes. No maniac in his wildest and most insane fancies ever conceived anything half so malignant, so horrible or frightful; and then came the reflection that in that crank canoe, so easily overturned by the slightest effort of the hideous brute, we were entirely at his mercy.

We sprang instinctively to the tree to which the boat was moored, and climbed it with an agility inspired by fear which would have done credit to the most active monkey at the Zoo. Unluckily, in climbing the tree, we loosened the rope which held the boat, and impelled by a gentle breeze it slowly drifted away, leaving us perched not more than five feet above that dreadful saurian on a tree scarce strong enough to bear our weight. Unfortunately, too, we had penetrated too far into the grove to be visible to our friends on shore. We shouted until hoarse for assistance, but no assistance came, and then another foe attacked us. Swarms, clouds, of that ferocious variety of the mosquito called gallinipper attacked us, and we were helpless

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### LONGMEADOW HOUNDS

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But the hunters went on to tea!

The late summer drought extending into October did not keep Longmeadow Hunt from going out twice a week this season under the able leadership of Freeman Wood, M. F. H. It was not until November that deep penetrating rains put life back into the soil and created the right scenting conditions and going for the hunters.

After hunting in earnest from October 1st with an average Field of 22 the members of Longmeadow joined with the Saddle and Cycle Club to hold on Oct. 3, 1953, the first Hunter Trials ever to be held within Chicago's city limits. Even though a horse and bicycle form the coat of arms of the Saddle and Cycle Club at Foster Avenue and Lake Michigan, the horse has played a minor role at the Club since its founding in 1895.

Commencing early in the morning hunters were trucked down Berwyn Ave.—Continued On Page 24

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## Sport In Mississippi

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for defense, for both our hands were clinging like grim death to the tree to save us from falling into the jaws of the amphibious demon below, who, unintimidated by our shouting, still lay just beneath with his cruel, covetous eyes protruding above the water, awaiting the fall of his victim.

After enduring this horrible agony, prolonged to an hour, which seemed an age, a boat at last came to our relief. Our canoe, driven by the wind, had drifted out into the open water where it was visible to our friends, who, seeing it empty, became alarmed for our safety, and set out to look for us. When landed at the shed we looked like a convalescent from confluent small-pox, with face and hands swollen and inflamed by the phlebotomy of the gallinippers. And, what annoyed us not a little, instead of receiving the sympathy of our friends, our adventure became a standing joke throughout the neighborhood, because, forsooth, in our ignorance of the really timid nature of the alligator, we did not know that a few sharp, resounding blows with the flat of paddle or oar on the surface of the water would have driven our persecutor away.

But we did then and there, make an earnest and solemn vow to be revenged upon the horrid beast who had committed the unpardonable sin of making us afraid, and a laughing stock for our acquaintance. Daily for two whole weeks, rifle in hand, we haunted that lake bent upon the destruction of that particular saurian, without ever getting sight of him.

Fortunately just before sunset one day, as we were turning, wearily and discouraged, from our prolonged vigils, we met a lame and superannuated negro hobbling homeward with a string of fish. We inquired if he had ever seen a large alligator thereabout. "Bless de Lord Marse", he exclaimed, "gators is as plenty in de upper part of dis lake as blackbirds in de mash. Just right here, honey, dey's scarce, cause dey's a ole bull gator dat stays in dem cypress dat scares all de little ones away—monsus big feller, sah. I hears him roar mos' ebery night when I'm in bed, and my cabin nigh onto half mile away." We then told him of our adventure and our desire to slay the brute, and asked for his advice. "Lord, marse, I kin show you dat 'gator most any time, ef my dog Towser was here; could show him to you now, sure and sartin. All you got to do is to hid yourself and make dog howl or pig squeal, and dat 'gator come sure as fallin' off a log."

Our talk ended in an agreement to meet on the morrow at noon, when, for a dollar, the old fellow engaged not only to show me the big "bull 'gator", as he called it, but to bring him so near as to insure a certain shot. The next day we were both on time, the darkey accompanied by a diminutive cur, answering to the name of "Towser". He led us a short distance, where he had already constructed a rude blind of cane, behind which we ensconced ourselves. Then he commenced twisting the dog's tail and pinching his ears until the welkin fairly resounded with the yells of the unhappy cur.

We had not long to wait. "Dar he!" exclaimed the negro, pointing to what might be compared to a couple of black balls floating on the water. We were somewhat incredulous until we perceived the balls to be slowly approaching. It seems that the peculiar anatomy of these saurians enables them to swim beneath the surface and expose nothing but the eyes above. We watched the slow approach of the creature until he was within easy and certain range of our hiding place—not over thirty yards, so near that a mere tyro could put a ball in either eye.

But great was our chagrin to find that he was not the particular brute we were after; he was too small, not over six feet in length, and so we informed our companion. Nevertheless, we were about drawing a bead on the beast, when the darkey stopped us. "You wait," said he, "big feller come sartin sure;" and then he gave the unlucky Towser's tail a savage twist, and the poor devil yelled, if possible louder than before.

"Yander he come!" exclaimed the now excited negro, as he pointed to the clump of cypress trees, the scene of our fright and torture. Following the direction of his finger, we saw a commotion on the placid surface of the lake, and something like a great log, covered with knots and rough bark, came rapidly toward us, end on, diverging from it two great ripples glistening in the sunlight like molten silver. Within twenty or twenty-five yards the log stopped, and there, with his great cruel eyes, half his hideous head and his long jagged back above the surface of the water, lay our accursed foe.

Slowly we raised the rifle, and then took it down again. Without precisely having the "buck thumps" it was something like it. We were too much excited to draw a fine bead. We waited a while and took a long breath, and then, taking a steady, deliberate aim we pulled the trigger, when, true to the mark, the ball sped on its way and took the savage brute right in the eye. At the crack of the gun the great monster sprang high out of the water, turned over on his back and lashed the water into a foam with his powerful serrated tail, and then diving beneath the surface and swimming rapidly between two waters, he darted straight away, leaving a long line of blood-stained bubbles marking the direction which he had taken.

Our impression was that we had lost him, and that we never would get his long cone-like tusks as trophies and evidence of our revenge. We proposed to follow his track in a boat, but the darkey assured us it was useless to do so then; that we would not find him, but that in two or three days, bloated with the gasses of decomposition, the creature would float high out of the water and would be easily found, and that as he fished there every day, he would be sure to see him and would let us know.

Four days after the old darkey notified us he had found the beast and had towed the carcass ashore. It was indeed a monster, and measured from nose to tip of his tail ten feet eleven inches! We secured the teeth and would have taken the hide but for the intolerable stench. After this our neighbors ceased to tease us on what they called our "gator fright."

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## Longmeadow Hounds

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nue just south of the Edgewater Beach Hotel and across the filled in land between the Saddle's green lawn and Lake Michigan to a bivouac at the southeastern corner of the Club's property. The hunters joined their mounts behind a grove of trees and bushes to negotiate a jumping course of post and rails and chicken coops which took them back and forth through the trees, stone wall and bushes which divided the lawn of the Club from the newly filled in land at waters edge. winding up with a series of in-and-outs down the lawn in front of the Club terrace where spectators watched from boxes arranged along the terrace and down the gentle slope of the grass toward the jumping course.

All credit for conceiving and completing the novel arrangements for the event goes to Stewart Boal, hunt secretary at Longmeadow. George Willis announced the events and Ross J. Beatty, Jr., and C. Smith rode throughout the day as clerks of the course. Theodore Mohlman and Foster Bartlett of Milwaukee judged the performance of horse and riders.

The annual hunt breakfast was held November 28, 1953 at Dunraven, the home of the Justin Websters, on one of those days when the above deep penetrating rains long delayed had left the footing all that could be desired on the long runs on the way to the Websters' farm over which the drag had been laid that morning, first to the north from the kennels through the North Woods to the first check, and to the west and southeast for three checks, and finally to the south through the forest preserves and over the last two jumps into the Websters' pasture.

Following the breakfast Freeman Wood, M. F. H. led a discussion of plans under way for the extension of the hunting country into the north west leaving the present territory with its forest preserves surrounding the kennels to the purposes for which it has in the past contributed so much to the strength of Longmeadow, namely, the fine trails for hacking and the many schooling jumps and runs all situated within such a short distance of the members' homes but slowly being circumscribed by civilization of a sort not conducive to the hunting of hounds.

At the International Horse Show held No. 29 to Oct. 5, '53 in Chicago's Amphitheatre in conjunction with the 1953 International Life Stock Exposition Scotch Mist was pinned Hunter Champion after winning the \$1,000 Stake under the superlative handling of Longmeadow's Charles Deney of Lake Forest. Scotch Mist owned by Mrs. Huntington Harrison is the mare which she regularly hunted twice a week throughout the season with Longmeadow.

Another member of Longmeadow, Miss Barbara Cunningham, riding her mare, Lady Gordon, was reserve champion. Miss Cunningham also won the lightweight Hunter Class and was second in the Corinthian Class. —C. L. S.

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## O'Malley Knott

### One Of The Country's Most Enthusiastic Foxhunters And Horsemen Dies At Eighty

Harold B. Hoskins

Middleton O'Malley Knott, famous horseman, died on Tuesday, January 5th, in Millbrook, New York at the age of eighty. Services were on Thursday, January 7th at 2:30 p. m. in the Grace Church in Millbrook. Mr. Knott was buried in the Millbrook Cemetery.

Middleton O'Malley Knott was born in Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland, on May 6, 1873. He was the second son of M. O'Malley Knott, M. D., with a wide practise in County Mayo. He was the great grandson of General Owen O'Malley whose statue stands in Castlebar in the churchyard overlooking the town.

From his early days in Ireland, Mr. Knott enjoyed riding to hounds, shooting and fishing. Later, he trained for two years on the School Training Ship "Conway", on which John Masfield, later poet laureate of England, was also a student.

At the age of eighteen, Mr. Knott went to sea as a cadet in the Royal Naval Reserve and sailed around Cape Horn on a large square rigged sailing vessel, the "Dumfermlin", to San Francisco. Here he left the ship to seek his fortune in America.

In San Francisco, Mr. Knott worked for a year in a veterinary surgeon's stable, and then came to New York City to attend the Veterinary College of New York University where he graduated in 1898. After a brief visit to Ireland Mr. Knott set up his practise in Plainfield, New Jersey, where he remained for ten years. He became an American citizen in 1898.

In 1901, Mr. Knott married Miss Hilda May Braithwaite of Turlough Park, County Mayo, Ireland. They had three children, of whom two are still living—Grania O'Malley (now Mrs. Harold B. Hoskins of Washington, D. C.) and Desmond O'Malley Knott of Los Angeles, California.

In 1907, Mr. Knott went to Millbrook and taught riding at the Bennett School for Girls. While there, he helped the late Charles C. Marshall to start the Millbrook Hunt, one of the oldest hunt organizations in the United States.

During the first World War, Mr. Knott enlisted in the Remount Service of the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army. On his discharge as a First Lieutenant in 1919, he rejoined the Wall Street firm of White Weld and Company with whom he was continually associated until his death.

Always an enthusiastic horseman, Mr. Knott served as a judge at many hunter trials and horseshows in all parts of the United States and Canada. He also helped various hunt organizations with advice and suggestions.

He remained a loyal member of the Millbrook Hunt although, in his later years, Mr. Knott was an enthusiastic and active member of the Rombout Hunt of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

In collaboration with Page Cooper, Mr. Knott published in 1946 his book "Gone Away with O'Malley". This contained a collection of Autobiographical experiences that amused and entertained many of his friends in various walks of life.

In addition to Mrs. Knott and his two children, Mr. Knott is survived by four

grandchildren—Grania, Desmond and Terence Knott, and Hilda (Binti) Hoskins.

### A Further Tribute To One of America's Most Beloved Sportsmen

On January 5th, 1954, came to an end one of the most colorful careers in the history of American foxhunting. For more than fifty years there were few in hunting or horse show circles who had not heard of O'Malley Knott, or who did not know him personally. Those whose lives he touched found their love of sport made keener by his enthusiasm.

Countless numbers have been encouraged and helped by his patient interest in their horsemanship, while others have been enthralled by his tales of great hunts, and their knowledge increased from his fund of hunting lore. Those whose pleasure lay in the show ring were grateful for his fair and considered judgement.

People and horses were his love in life, his greatest joy came from suiting one to the other. To see a friend riding an unsuitable horse caused him exquisite anguish, and he was unsparing of himself when called upon to help put this to rights. He would take infinite time and trouble searching for the ideal combination.

Any sporting event—whether a race-meet, horse show, a day's hunting, or a Hunt Ball—was all the more fun for O'Malley's presence. He added a "joie-de-vivre" peculiarly his own, for his Irish lightheartedness was infectious.

He was the friend of all ages, for he was equally interested in the little girl with her first pony, the hard riding thruster, the grandmother on her confidential pensioner, and never to be over-

looked by him was the glamorous Diana, superbly mounted and beautifully turned out, whose own conformation brought the glint to his Irish eye.

Social distinctions meant nothing, for his tastes were catholic and a blacksmith might be as highly regarded as a bank president. His friends came from all walks of life and to each he gave much of himself, for friendship was an art with O'Malley Knott.

His passing will be mourned by all who knew him, for he belonged to an era of great sportsmen and lived in what may come to be known as the golden age of American foxhunting. However, his spirit lives on, and we hope that he has found his Heaven. To quote his own words with which he ends his book "Gone Away with O'Malley" . . . "I'd like my heaven to be one long succession of these perfect hunting days".

C. B. & M. M. P.

### O'Malley Knott, Well Known Horseman And First Flighter, Dies

On Tuesday, January 5, the Millbrook and Rombout Hunts and all the sporting world lost our dear friend, O'Malley Knott.

His boundless energy and enthusiasm helped in the organization of the Millbrook Hunt where he rode at thirty opening meets. Many members of both Millbrook and Rombout came to live and hunt in Dutchess County through O'Malley. He taught a great many to ride and his followers and friends were legion.

In collaboration with Page Cooper, O'Malley wrote the story of his life in a delightful book, "Gone Away With O'Malley". He tells of his adventures, of his life in Ireland, then as an apprentice seaman on a large square rigged sailing vessel when he sailed from Liverpool around the Horn to San Francisco. From here he made his own way as a young man, starting as a veterinary's assistant, until through many strange and fascinating adventures, he came to Wall Street where he worked as a customer's man for many years. Friends and strangers, old and young, and people

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## O'Malley Knott

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from all walks of life have enjoyed reading his book both here and abroad.

What we remember and miss the most is O'Malley himself, his warmth of heart and his personality. He made friends with everyone. He saw the good in all. He was quick to spot talent and ability. I can remember his oft repeated phrase; "You know, this man is great." He would seem to be aggravated at our lack of perception. His love for the truth sometimes led him into serious difficulty when the easy way out was at hand. Here his Irish would rise and his already pink cheeks grow pinker. He would pound the table with his fist and say; "What is the truth!" "I want the truth!" I can remember holding back a chuckle when he'd say with amazement, in his soft Irish voice, and with a twinkle in his eye; "You know, there are some people here who don't like me."

Dear O'Malley, what fun we had hunting with you for so many years! I can remember a long hard run we had while hunting in Ireland not too many years ago. We lost you until much later in the day. You came up with your topper crashed in and grass sprouting from the dent. When we asked you what had happened, you said with a smile; "I got so tired I just rolled off to rest a bit."

No parties were too long and no lady was too plain to be admired. He could talk with anyone. Though O'Malley was a generation older than many of us, we never felt this difference in age.

In his later years, O'Malley came up from New York to hunt with the Rombout Hunt. No matter how adverse the weather he was always there, full of enthusiasm and consideration for all.

After the long winter hunts and our congenial breakfasts at Homer Gray's cottage, Joe Dixon would drive him back to New York. He invariably slept all the way. Halfway home he would rouse himself and opening a reluctant eye, he would say; "Joe are you awake?" Then he would go back to sleep for the rest of the trip.

Our thoughts are now with his wife, Hilda, whose unselfishness toward him throughout his life, has been an example to us all. We will gratefully remember her devotion and care for O'Malley during his last failing years.

—K. C. Melville

## ROMBOUT HUNT, INC.

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Rombout has had some very good sport this year. We have had the usual trouble with deer but have been pretty successful getting hounds off considering the fact that we have had no professional to help with the actual hunting of the hounds. Everyone tries to help. Cooperation, work and newly acquired knowledge have greatly added to the fun of the members. Mal Grahame, our Master, and Bill Kay have alternated hunting the hounds. Naturally, this is not the most desirable arrangement. Strangely enough, this has been successful. We've had good sport in all sections of our country. I cannot fail to say that Dick Meyer, our Joint-Master also acting as whip, has been an invaluable help to us. There have been no spectacular or unusual runs. I remember a grand day while hunting near Mal Grahame's when we ran foxes all day and had a kill after a fast run. I have been meaning to write up some of these days but usually I have been too busy.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6th, we had a 'right' good day. While it was not too cold, it was snowing, so we very nearly didn't go out at all. The roads were in bad shape and many of our ardent members were tied up in business. With one thing and another, by the time Bill Kay and Jack Melville had drafted a small pack of six couple and brought them up to Bob Smith's Netherwood Acres it was nearly one o'clock. Bill carried the horn. Jack was our whip. Meg Kay, Bob McGusty, Bob Smith, and myself, made up our small field.

We drew several coverts blank. We started two foxes, one of which we viewed. They both went immediately to ground. As the snow increased we began to think we were the only foolish creatures out but, upon drawing Smith's covert (the other Smith), hounds opened up coming out of the covert towards us to an earth in the open field. As we were very close to the earth we thought it strange that we had not viewed the fox. Upon examining the tracks near the den, we saw that the hounds had been heeling. Bill promptly returned them to the covert where they pick-

ed up the line carrying it on north through the woods. We followed on the east side of the covert until we heard their voices growing faint and surmised they had broken covert to the west. We struggled through that boggy ride coming out into Hewlett's field in time to see the hounds, by this time, across Greta Road going north on Melville's pasture with Bill and Meg well ahead of us. In trying to stop short to make a sharp turn off the dirt road, Meg's mare went down but with no harm done. The rest of us took the set-back into Melville's pasture, wrestled with an un-jumpable' wired-in barway, and joined Bill and Meg at Horton's woods. We stood there a moment on the edge of the woods listening to the pleasant sound of the hound's voices. They broke out altogether in full cry, heading south-west. "Oh boy, look at that!" shouted Bill as we followed them galloping hard through Ring's orchard. The hounds crossed Quaker Lane and went south of Brigg's farm. They made a big circle over some open fields and big walls, and north into Brigg's woods. Listening with some trepidation, we wondered if they would go east or west. We jumped a trappy barway into the woods, then up a scrambly rockpile into Brigg's orchard. We ran north toward Hatfields farm in time to see them swing east out of the covert across Hatfield's fields, across Quaker Lane again, and up over the hill on to Condolla's fields. Here we had to leave Jack on the "Count", who had cut himself leading us over the rocks. Meg and Bill went up Brown's driveway, while I cut across through the fields to see which way they would swing. They went straight into Horton's woods. By this time the Kays were well ahead. In my haste, I galloped across a hillside too fast and my good little mare, "Spunky Miss," fell flat. Now I was alone and could only faintly hear the hounds. The fox must be on his way back so I hurried around the covert to the east. I listened to the sound of their voices coming closer. There, right in front of me, they worked the line out of the woods. Where were the others? Although the hounds were working slowly and I was pretty close to them, I risked a few loud calls. The Kays came up behind me in time to see the hounds work the line through the woods between Horton's and Plankenhorn's farm. With great drive they came out into Plankenhorn's fields, heading south. We had to do some hurrying to keep up, as the hounds were clearly gaining on their fox. As we went back through Melville's pasture we viewed them crossing Greta Road and heading east for Smith's covert. By the time we had caught up to them, they were already marking their fox in the same den where he had been started.

Walt Hultz (our inveterate car follower) and Bob McGusty had viewed our fox, a nice big red, making the last lap of his run across Plankenhorn's field with the pack coming not too far behind.

While we were on the run the snow had nearly stopped. Now as we headed for home, it was again gently falling. The wintry countryside was becoming quite dark. The twelve hounds trotting at the heels of Bill's horse were now mere shadows. We were glad we had gone out for we had a good run and marked our fox.

—Kate Melville



(Julian P. Graham Photo)

The Right Rev. Monsignor Michael O'Connell of the Carmel Mission blesses the Los Altos Beagles. (L. to r.): Dick Field, whipper-in, Mrs. George Payne, whipper-in, Dr. Robert Lawson, whipper-in, Richard Decker, Field Master, George Payne, whipper-in and Wallace Nall III, M. F. H.

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Over the first jump in the Pebble Beach Hunt Club's drag hunt—in the lead was Miss Dobbie Coleman.

## Duties of Secretary of Foxhounds

### Responsibilities and Work Vary According To the Different Hunting Countries

W. T. Pott, Secretary, Secretaries of Foxhounds Association

The Hunt Secretary is appointed by and is responsible to the Hunt Committee. He is not the Master's agent, though he can help the Master in many ways. It is always desirable that the committee's appointment be agreeable to the Master, however.

The Secretary may be honorary or he may be paid. In the majority of cases, he is honorary and in some he is only paid expenses for his motor mileage. Some Secretaries, on the other hand not only pay all such expenses, but also pay a subscription.

The Secretary's primary work is the raising of such funds, by subscription, caps, and entertainment, as will ensure the Master—who is the Committee's selection, usually confirmed by a general meeting of the Hunt—the guarantee given him by the Committee, and will also be sufficient to meet the incidental expenses of hunting the country.

Thus he will enable the committee to carry out the duty of seeing to it that the country is regularly and fairly hunted and enjoys as high a standard of sport as can reasonably be expected. By his unremitting attention to the financial side as well as by his personal care of its upkeep, he will also ensure that the committee can safeguard and maintain the property of the Hunt, such as kennels, coverts, and investments, which are its responsibility.

The Secretary will keep the hunt accounts unless that work is delegated to a treasurer, as is the case in a good many countries. He will collect the caps and certainly should collect all caps himself, except that he may in some cases delegate the collection of the 2/6 caps (field money) where they exist, to one or more supporters in certain parts of the country, who are regular followers in that area.

While it is really the duty of a stranger to find the Secretary and pay his cap, it is unfortunately more often the task of the Secretary to approach the stranger, this through ignorance of etiquette.

Caps are defined as payments for the day's hunting from non-members. Hunts usually allow such a cap, possibly 3 or

5 pounds, to be paid on a few occasions, but after that a full subscription is asked for, this varying according to the amount of hunting that the individual in question intends to enjoy. Occasionally caps are taken for some special fund, such as the wire fund, i. e., the fund expended on the removal of wire from fences. The 2/6 (2½ shillings) otherwise known as field money is customarily collected at the meet from everyone hunting that day, both members and non-members.

The Secretary as part of his responsibility for obtaining funds for the hunt, will be responsible for the holding of point-to-point races and of the Hunt Ball, but in many cases, a special point-to-point Secretary is appointed as well as a point-to-point committee and the same applies to the Hunt Ball.

However, in all such activities of the Hunt, the Secretary should play a part as these are his "pie".

When it comes to the Secretary's job of finding money for various objects in connection with the Hunt, his duties may be roughly divided into two, those which help the sport directly by means of methods to make the country more rideable and to make more sure of good sport by efficient earth stopping throughout the country and those which help the Hunt in just as important a way, i. e. by ensuring a harmonious and happy relationship between the Hunt and those over whose land the Hunt operates.

To take the first category, it is the Secretary's duty to deal with the renting of coverts, the removal of wire, the provision of hunting gates, rails and bridges. In this connection, he may also run hedge-cutting competitions for the Hunt in various parts of the country—funds should be allocated to him by the committee and it is recommended that, with regard to these duties, except the renting of coverts, a special committee of farmers and other members should be appointed by him to help to make the country as rideable as may be.

The Secretary will also supervise the payment of earth stopping cards and the payment of "finds" and "litters" to keepers—these payments are the com-

mittee's responsibility, though it may be probably more convenient and quicker for the Huntsman, the Master's servant, to send out the earth stopping and find and litter cards.

It is usual to have a local man, or gamekeeper, to stop the foxes. He will receive a card, usually from the huntsman, advising him of the date on which hounds will be drawing his coverts. These cards will be presented for payment at the end of the season. In the same way, each time that a fox is found in the covert for which the keeper, or other man looking after the covert, is responsible, will entitle him to a card for payment. Further, the finding of a litter of foxes at cubhunting time, will entitle him to a larger amount.

It is often useful for the special committee dealing with the removal of wire, etc., members of whom should be drawn so many from each area of the Hunt to be brought in to help with the earth stopping arrangements and often such committee with the Secretary's cooperation, will arrange for some entertainment of the keepers and earth stoppers at the end of the season.

To come to the less direct method of helping sport, though just as important a one, the Secretary should not be responsible during the days hunting for seeing that the minimum of damage and disturbance is done to landowners, farmers' and shooting interests. This will usually be undertaken by the Master, or, where he hunts hounds, by the field master appointed by him, but the Secretary will be responsible for investigating and settling claims presented for damages to agricultural and other interests. In some countries, a committee of farmers or others, or possibly one person only in each area, is appointed by him to investigate and, in consultation with him, settle such claims. This is an important duty, as the good will of landowners, farmers and others can be seriously impaired by laxity in dealing with complaints, while it is better still if a Secretary hears of some definite damage having been done and can forestall the complaint by a prompt visit.

The Master, and not the Secretary, acting for the Committee is responsible for licenses for the hounds.

The Master is also responsible for the cost of entertainment of the puppy walkers, though the Secretary may help the Master over the puppy judging arrangements.

While it is the Master's prerogative and duty to arrange the meets (and to ensure that foxes be kept to reasonable numbers by hunting the county regularly and fairly on the number of days agreed between him and the Committee) the Secretary will help him to arrange the Meets by making known to him the wishes of landowners, farmers and shooting tenants, and will be responsible for advertising the Meets when arranged (although in practice, the Huntsman will, in many countries, advise farmers and keepers of Meets) and for convenience and to save time, will also advise the Meets to local papers and to printers in charge of cards to be sent out to subscribers.

It is the Secretary's duty to send out all notices of meetings and, in consultation with his chairman of the Committee, draw up and circulate the agenda, and he should make all the arrangements of the meeting.

He should, of course, be in possession of an up to date and complete list of subscribers, farmers and landowners. He should in fact know everything from a fox hunting point of view that can be known about the hunting country of which he is Secretary.



## Yale Defeats Trio From University Of Virginia—21 to 5

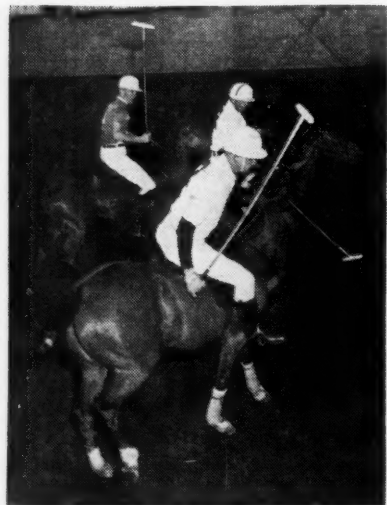
Charles W. Kellogg

Yale's 1953 national inter-collegiate polo champions got off to a surprising start in this year's indoor campaign on Jan. 9 when they battered the University of Virginia trio 21-5 at the Yale Armory in New Haven.

It was the first start of the season for the Blue and the outcome was a major surprise to coach Al Marenholz of Yale. "We had hoped, naturally to win this first game", he said later, "but not by such a margin."

The greatest single feat of the afternoon was the 12-goal total scored by Mal Wallop, the Yale captain from Big Horn, Wyo.

Wallop is the only surviving starter from last year's team which won the college title at Squadron A Armory in New York. Capt. Jim Hannah, Lev Miller, Pete Packard and Emil Long, who figur-



Don Hannah, of Hinsdale, Ill., captain of the University of Virginia polo team, (foreground) gets set to take a rebound shot near the Virginia goal during the Jan. 9 game with Yale in New Haven. Beyond Hannah (in white) is back Dave Parmalee while the Yale player shown in the background is captain Mal Wallop of Big Horn, Wyo., who set a Yale scoring record with 12 goals during the game.

ed prominently in the Yale drive to the championship then have graduated, leaving Wallop at the helm of a comparatively green varsity squad.

Yale took most of the first chukker to get organized. The Blue led by 3-0 at the end of the initial period, but one goal had been kicked in by a pony and another was inadvertently contributed by a Virginia player trying to clear the ball from his own goal mouth.

Then the deluge started. Yale poured in 4 more in the second before Virginia could score at all and left the arena ahead 8-1 at the half.

The Cavaliers had their best period in the third chukker when captain Don Hannah scored three goals to make it 8-4 in Yale's favor, but Wallop added one more to keep the Blue out of danger.

Then came a record-setting performance by the Yale captain, playing at the No. 1 position. He scored seven goals in the seven-and-a-half minute fourth chukker to set a new individual

scoring record for a chukker in the Yale Armory.

Wallop was properly embarrassed by the outcome. "We got together after the third chukker and agreed we wouldn't try to score much," he disclosed. "But everything we did was right—we couldn't miss if we tried." In all Yale got 12 goals in that final session.

Hannah, whose brother, Jim, captained the Yale varsity in its championship drive last season, was Virginia's high man with 4 goals. They had played four games prior to this one and had expected to do better. "But we couldn't stop Yale at all", he moaned. "That's a great team."

In addition to Wallop's 12 goals, other Yale scores were turned in by Joe Williams of Camden, S. C., who got three, Doug Barclay of Pulaski, N. Y., who got three, and Ivan Poutiatine of Loudenville, N. Y., got two. The other was credited to a pony. Sandy Bower got the fifth Virginia tally.

The summary:

### Yale (21)

No. 1—Mal Wallop  
No. 2—Joe Williams  
Back—Doug Barclay  
Alternate—Ivan Poutiatine, Fred Lutz

### Virginia (5)

No. 1—Bill Hinckley  
No. 2—Don Hannah  
Back—Dave Parmalee  
Alternate—Sandy Bowers  
Referee—C. W. Kellogg

Scoring: Yale, Wallop 12, Williams 3, Barclay 3, Poutiatine 2, Pony. Virginia, Hannah 4, Bowers.

Yale 3 5 1 12—21  
Virginia 0 1 4 1—5

Time: Four 7½ min. chukkers  
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## Letters To The Editor

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everything is held together with pins. Have no friends left and we live on canned soup. I am stiff and my arthritis kills me. I have no time to read the papers and would be too tired to discuss them if I did! But so what! I have Pimou and am in paradise. And so it goes, or rather I go, or have gone.

When are you coming to hunt with us?—end quote.

This speaks for itself. To those of you who think world affairs wear you down, try fox hunting!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Reginald B. Taylor

January 8, 1954

Williamsville, N. Y.  
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## Poetical Reply

Dear Sir:

As a result of the poem I wrote to advertise the stallion Boss, by "Bull Dog out of \*Buckup and thus a brother in blood to Roman (c. f. back cover), I received the following letter from Mr. Allison Stern, a gentleman of whom I've heard for years but whom I've never, unfortunately, had the pleasure of meeting. My reply to him ensues after his communication.

Taylor Hardin

Newstead Farm,  
Upperville, Va.

I'd like to breed my mare\* to Boss;  
His fee is not too high.  
His breeding's good—that's understood—  
But I've never seen the guy.

Is he attractive looking?  
Is he brown or bay or roan?  
How sound are his legs and ankles?  
How big's his cannon bone?

Has he got a good high wither?  
Is he strong and straight of limb?  
His eyes, are they intelligent?  
Or inclined to be quite dim?

How many inches does he stand?  
Is he a giant or a runt?  
In my quest for information,  
I hope I'm not too blunt.

And what's his racing record?  
How much money did he win?  
Did he cop some stakes and handicaps,  
Or were his earnings thin?

If you'll tell me all about him,  
His record on the flat,  
His main characteristics,  
His age and all of that,  
I might request a season  
To your young stallion, Boss.  
The future may reveal that he  
Is really quite a horse.

Sincerely yours,

Allison Stern

\*TOURIST INDEX, by TOURIST II—  
INDEX, by HORRON

January 5, 1954.

Festoon Farm  
Scobeyville, N. J.

Dear Mr. Stern:

I hope you're going to breed to Boss;  
I like your mare a lot.  
I looked her up and found she's won  
A thirteen thousand pot,  
And that she's sister to a horse  
That's won a lot of stakes.  
To make a stallion from the start,  
That's the kind it takes.

Boss fills the eye—I'd say, in looks  
Would beat most studs to smithers.  
He's sound and straight with lots of bone  
And sixteen three at withers.

He's got an eye that's full and keen  
And set in a lovely head  
On the end of a neck that arches out  
In accord with the way he's bred.

He's bay, was foaled in forty-three  
At Elmdorf, Kentucky;  
Was sold at Keeneland's Summer Sales  
To Brookmeade's Mrs. Lucky.

And Mr. Burch was very pleased  
With Boss that year at Aiken.  
His trials were such to indicate  
A comet in the making.

Cut out to be a Derby horse,  
He won his first at two—  
The Widener chute at Belmont Park  
'Gainst twenty-three—He flew!

'Mong stakes he won or placed in:  
Prince George's Autumn test,  
The Merchants' and the Citizens',  
And Saratoga's best.

He ran till seven, always class,  
And naturally it follows,  
Was one, two, three a lot of times,  
Earned forty thousand dollars.

For what you've asked me on the horse  
I thank you, Mr. Stern.  
You certainly aren't at all too blunt.  
I think it's now your turn.

Yours sincerely,

Taylor Hardin

January 8, 1954

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## Letters To The Editor

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## Resolutions

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to accept my sincere congratulations for The Chronicle's "resolutions for the New Year" as outlined so clearly in the January 1 issue.

To this desk come many publications devoted to the sporting life of this and other countries. In none have I found a more sincere desire to be of service to the "game" than yours. It is refreshing in this day of increasing sporting commercialism to find a publication so firmly dedicated to "giving" instead of "getting".

Thus it is with a wish to help rather than to criticize that I would bring up the following:

1. As a working sports editor in an area which has three active hunts I am completely unaware of the existence of the Public Relations Committee of the Masters of Fox Hounds Association. (As a son-in-law of Sydney R. Smith of the Old Chatham I have a general idea as to that group's purpose, but that's not the point.)

I am well aware of the problems facing any hunt, at least in the Northeast, and I am not suggesting a public relations program such as that of the TRA, but it is my belief that fox hunting in general should have a common means of communicating with the nation's press.

And going beyond that I think that the Masters individually could well benefit from a brief course in public relations. They do a fine job with their landowners (here necessity is the spur), and generally as fine a job with their members, but beyond that the general attitude seems one of isolationism. Let any individual disagree, I hasten to add that exceptions prove the rule.

To be more specific, this writer receives fixture cards from two of our three nearby hunts, not because of the news value contained but because of our status as prospective members of their respective fields. There is absolutely no contact with those hunts beyond that, yet this newspaper is the major outlet in their areas. What news of those hunts we do carry is gathered on a hit-or-miss basis (mainly due to this writer's personal interest in hunting) and without either paper or hunt being aware that a "story" exists until it is stumbled upon by accident.

In other words, it is my opinion that every hunt should have a specific publicity program for its own locality—certainly it could be done on a volunteer basis by a member of the field or staff—and that the Masters Association should show the way by setting up a national program.

By the dearth of news coming to The Chronicle from the Connecticut hunts you must be aware that they are not news-conscious.

2. Polo in Connecticut now, at least, is confined to the Farmington Valley operations outdoors and to Yale indoors. Both are guided by the same group of men. The Yale scheduling is reasonably concrete, being based upon a college program which ends with the national intercollegiate. Farmington, like many other clubs remote from Long Island, is faced with a lack of competition which forces them to play for the most part "visiting" teams which consist of one

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Bob Dwyer (third from left), member of Paradise Valley Polo Club, heads toward the ball for a shot. Jack Stilb, Pima County Polo Club tries to head him off, in a match played in the new Tucson, Arizona, arena.

## Polo Returns To Tucson

### Sports Minded Businessmen Build Arena And Revive Polo In Southern Arizona

Willard H. Porter

Tucson, Arizona, once the mecca of polo in the Southwest (excluding California), again has an organized polo field and also horses and players. For the past several years polo has been dead in Tucson, but during the days of the Cavalry R. O. T. C. team at the University of Arizona, polo was one of the major sports. Then when the Cavalry horses were taken away, polo disappeared. Now it's back thanks to the generosity and interest of a few young Tucson businessmen and sportsmen.

When John K. Goodman, local hotel

owner, went to his friend, James Stuart Douglas, banker, and said, "Du, you've got a load of land over there on East Fort Lowell Road, what about building a polo field on it?"

"Fine," said Douglas, "you can have the land, but who's going to build the arena?"

"I am," said Goodman, and between them they have made it possible for the return of polo in Tucson.

The field is 325 feet long and 150 feet wide. It is boarded up all around five feet high and a mesh wire goes up an-

other six feet on top of the board siding. The goals are set back on each end one foot. They are ten by ten with protective canvas fenders around the corners.

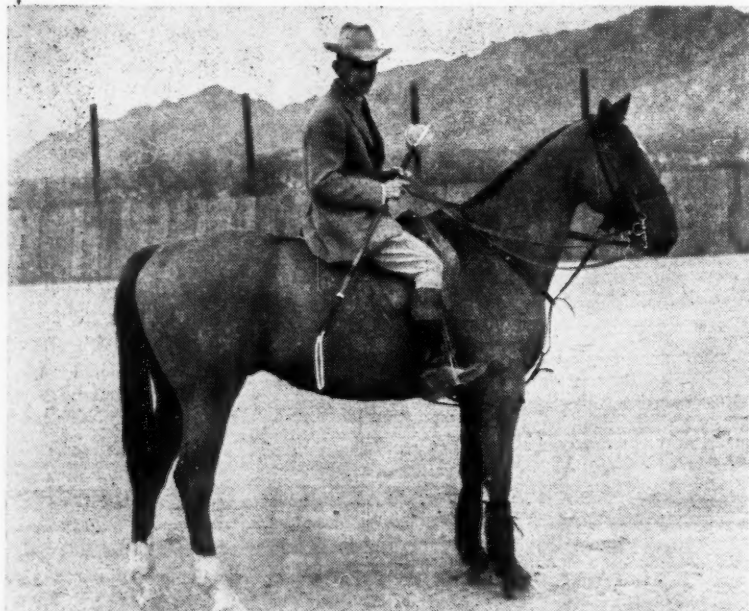
Douglas and Goodman not only donated the land and built the arena, they went even further. They got horses and then organized a team. The Tucson team is called the Pima County Polo Club. Playing members are Douglas, Goodman, Jack Stilb, George Hilliard, Jim Watson and John Donaldson, who was captain of the U. of A. team in the split season of 1941-42.

Jack Moore, Jack Bowman, Tom Brown and Jim Cowan, Current U. of A. students, also play on the P. C. P. C.

The first formal competition in the new arena was held on December 26, when a Scottsdale, Arizona, team, the Paradise Valley Polo Club, beat the U. of A. boys by a score of 6 to 2.

The next day the Scottsdale group, in-

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(Willard H. Potter Photo)

John K. Goodman, Tucson sportsman and businessman refereed the first few games in the new arena, due to an injury which kept him out of active play. It was Mr. Goodman's generosity and keen interest in polo that the arena was built.



(Willard H. Potter Photo)

Jim Donaldson, Tucson rancher, horseman, and former captain of the University of Arizona R. O. T. C. polo team, is one of the most talented players in southern Arizona.



## Metropolitan League Opens—New York A. C., Squadron A Triumph

Bill Briordy

The New York A. C. and Squadron A turned in triumphs as competition in the 1954 Metropolitan Polo League began on Saturday night, Jan. 9, at the Squadron A Armory.

Giving away a one-goal handicap, the Winged Foot trio had a fight on its hands to turn back the Farmington (Conn.) Polo Club, 6-5, while Squadron A, led by Joe Schwartz's 7 goals, beat Al Parsells' Ramapo Polo Club, 15-8. Ramapo got a one-goal allowance.

Riding with Bill Rand and Phil Brady, Schwartz—he's still the individual scoring leader—scored twice in each of the first, second and fourth chukkers in the opener of the circuit double-header. Squadron A, holding Ramapo scoreless in the second chukker, enjoyed an 8-2 half-time lead.

Squadron A added three goals in the third period and four more in the fourth to win going away. Parsells, 9-goal star, hampered by an injury earlier this season, aggravated that injury as he got two goals, both in the third period, for Ramapo. Dave Ellis, with three goals in the last stanza, was high man for the losers with five. Peter Packard rounded out the Ramapo side.

Rand, ex-Yale star, and Brady registered four and three goals, respectively for Squadron A. One pony goal was recorded in the fourth period. Schwartz has a 5-goal per-game average, having scored 40 in eight games. Brady is next in scoring with 34 in the same number of matches.

There was little scoring in the first half of the second game of the Jan. 9 card. Farmington, with its one-goal handicap, had a 2-1 half-time lead. Al Marenholz scored once in the first period for Farmington and then Zenas Colt hit the backboard for the New York A. C. in the second chukker.

The tempo of the game increased as the second half began and the Winged Footers raced off with three goals against one for the losers. In the fourth quarter, the New York A. C. mallet-swingers added two more goals to match the output of Farmington for the decision.

Colt was high man of this match with four markers. His teammates were Bill Crawford and Herb Pennell, six-goaler, while Marenholz rode with Frank Butterworth and Walter Phillips.

Squadron A's Polo Club, with Brady as president, will launch an experiment on Sunday, Jan. 24, to determine if larger crowds will be attracted to indoor polo. The Squadron A club will stage Sunday afternoon double-headers at the New York armory. Saturday night games have been held at the Madison Avenue arena for more than thirty years.

## Tucson Polo

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cluding Bob Dwyer, Link Brigham and Skip Drown, was soundly defeated by the P. C. P. C. by a score of 14 to 5. Besides Dwyer, Brigham and Drown the Paradise Club is bolstered by several young players from the Judson School near Phoenix, Arizona. This school, one of the best private schools in the state, has long been famous for its turnout of good horsemen.

On January 2, the P. C. P. C. eked out a slim victory from the Paradise Club. The same men played on each team as in the

previous competition, and the score was 10 to 8.

Pete Gillham, former Stanford University polo captain, was on hand to watch the January 2 game and expressed the belief that polo was back in Tucson to stay. Pat Walsh, who coaches polo at the Southern Arizona School, near Tucson, also felt that a great stride had been made in reviving interest in southern Arizona polo.

Although pleased and gratified at the results already, Douglas and Goodman still have their fingers crossed. They are arranging for formal matches every week end, but they would like to see more clubs start in different localities in Arizona.

So far it looks good. The Pima County Club is mounted, and that's a big help in starting polo any place. In this respect, local ranchers, such men as Tommy Bell, Larry Mayer and D. Lamar Christy, have been very cooperative in giving horses for the team to ride.

These mounts and others, Thoroughbreds, three-quarter breeds and western Quarter Horses, are all stabled at the arena, and it is the hope of all the Tucson players that visiting polo players or other local players will make use of the stabling facilities whenever they can.

Goodman says, "Out-of-town players are always welcome here. They should contact me at the Santa Rita Hotel when they're coming through and, by golly, we'll give them a real welcome."

## New Stallion Imports

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ca, Comparacion and Reconquista in Argentina; and the Gran Premio Jose Pedro Ramirez in Uruguay. \*Murano was second in his eight other starts on his native continent.

In the United States, \*Murano captured 1 1/16 mile allowance races on both coasts.

He is a ten-year-old bay full brother (by Congreve—Venezia, by Adam's Apple) to the Argentine stakes victors Donna Bianca, Ingeniosa and \*Rialto. The latter took the Belmont National Maiden Hurdle in the United States.

\*Murano stands at E. K. Thomas' Timberlawn Farm, Paris, Ky., at a fee of \$500—live foal.

## Maryland

Maryland's two new stud imports, \*River War and \*Shahpoor, both came from England.

Both will stand in the Baltimore area. \*River War has had his plans changed so often that he may well be a little confused. He was imported by Paul Mellon and trained for American racing, but never started due to an ankle injury.

Then he was scheduled to enter stud in Kentucky. But William Polvinal and E. R. Johnston bought him to stand at their Manunda Farm, Phoenix, Md., at a fee of \$500.

\*River War is a 4-year-old brown colt by Nearco—Ferry Pool, a Hyperion mare which was sold for a record English broodmare price of 18,000 guineas at the 1948 Newmarket Sales.

The other Maryland stallion invader, \*Shahpoor, won the Manton, Amesbury and Winchester Stakes, Jockey Club Cup, Ogbourne Handicap and £2,006 in first monies during the small-pursed war years. These classy decisions ranged in distance from 6 to 14 furlongs.

\*Shahpoor has sired added-money performers in both England and France.

A son of Solario, \*Shahpoor is a half-brother to the stakes winners Grand Terrace, Theresina, \*Gino, Alishah and Tereson; and to the successful sires

Burhan Ali (in Australia), \*Alibhai and \*Karimkhan (both in the United States). All of \*Shahpoor's high-class half-brothers were also successful stallions except, of course, the gelded Tereson. Theresina, \*Shahpoor's classy half-sister, foaled such distinguished runners as Shalali, Turkhan, Uji, Benane, Eboo and Tambara. Teresina, \*Shahpoor's dam, herself annexed the Goodwood Cup, Jockey Club Stakes, Great Yorkshire and Royal Plates.

\*Shahpoor, a solid-looking bay 15-year-old, stands at Mrs. George L. Howe's Holly House, Fulton, Md., under a five-year lease from H. Kouyoumdjian, at a fee of \$500 payable at time of service, with refund October 1 of year bred on receipt of veterinary certificate that mare is barren.

## Nebraska

An Argentine invader, Ramoso, is Nebraska's lone stud import of the season. \*Ramoso, a son of Ramazon—Papirelle, by Papirote, was a winner in his native land.

Owned by a Nebraska syndicate, \*Ramoso stands at Frank D. Conley's Five Star Stable, Madison, Neb., at a fee of \$100 for a live foal.

## \*Nordlicht

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sign for good transmitters is, when we can find in the closed generations in the female line top sires. We also note that \*Nordlicht's family, particularly his first generations have produced top sires. \*Nordlicht then possesses all the potentialities of a great sire.

## Letters To The Editor

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or two outsiders and the balance of the line-up being gathered from home club substitutes.

Nevertheless a schedule of approximately 30 games is played at Farmington during the outdoor season.

Frankly, I have never known exactly what to send you from either site though as a referee and club member I have the information available. We report every game of both Farmington and Yale to the daily press in Connecticut and the college competition goes on the national AP wires. It would help considerably if you could set down specifically what you would like in the matter of polo coverage.

Rather disjunctedly, I'll return to hunting here with the suggestion that if there is any specific way in which I can be of voluntary service to The Chronicle as far as the hunts in this state are concerned, I'll be glad to help.

I am sincere, as your "resolutions" prove you are, in wanting to help hunting and polo and perhaps my ideas will give you a moment of thought.

Best wishes and well done.

Charles W. Kellogg  
Sports Editor  
New Haven Register

January 7, 1954

New Haven, Conn.

## Luther Dunning

Dear Sir:

I thought it might be of interest to you and your readers of the death of Mr. Luther Dunning, of Otter Creek, Montana. Mr. Dunning was a breeder of fine Thoroughbreds for over 50 years

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## Midwest Circuit's Annual Meeting

### Oak Brook Hunt Race Meeting Is Renewed After Being Dormant For Past Two Seasons

Campbell Brown

The annual meeting of the Midwest Hunt Race Association was held at the Pendennis Club in Chicago on January 9, following a morning meeting of the directors of the group, in which all member meetings were represented. About 150 persons, mostly adherents and supporters of Louisville's Oxmoor steeplechase meeting, were at the luncheon and subsequent proceedings.

If the optimistic enthusiasm which prevailed at this meeting is any indication, it is safe to predict that the coming series of hunt meetings on the Midwest circuit will be even better in quality of horseflesh, horsemanship and local interest than was the season of 1953. This, according to most observers, was the best season so far experienced by the association, which is now in its fourth year.

At the morning meeting of directors all incumbent officers and members of the advisory committee were re-elected, to serve until the directors meeting which is scheduled to be held at the Post & Paddock Club, Arlington Park, Ill., on June 25. This is also the date for the running of the Arlington Park Hurdle Stakes, wind-up event for the Midwest circuit. Present incumbents are:

Calvin Houghland, Brentwood, Tenn., president; Lowry Watkins, Skylight, Ky., vice-president; A. D. Plamondon III, Chicago, Ill., treasurer, and Col. Campbell H. Brown, Nashville, Tenn., secretary. Advisory committee members are Carter P. Brown, Tryon, N. C., A. D. Plamondon, Jr., J. Mason Houghland, Brentwood, Tenn., and Dr. John B. Youmans, Franklin, Tenn.

The schedule announced for the Midwest Circuit for 1954 will become official after sanction by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, and after the Royalton meeting, in Indianapolis, has decided which of two proffered dates it will use.

There is an addition to the Midwest schedule in the form of the meeting at Oak Brook. This meeting has been dormant for the past two seasons; it has now been revived, and is expected to provide a function of the standard set by Midwest meetings in the past.

The directors also voted to continue to use the elimination method employed with success last year in selecting entries for the Arlington Park Hurdle Stakes. These were selected on the basis of their performance in races over brush or hurdles at meetings in circuit for the current season. For this year, however, the performance of entrants in Camden's Midwest Hurdles will be considered in selecting entries.

It was also decided to employ a clerk of the scales and a starter to officiate at all meetings in the Midwest circuit, or to be on hand in an advisory capacity thereat. This would insure the smooth administration of the meetings, and would provide uniform starting procedure. Heretofore these important functions have been performed by local volunteers who, however interested and industrious they might be, have failed to give the Midwest race meetings the professional finish to which performance in other departments might entitle them.

Such information as was obtainable from owners and trainers at the meeting

was to the effect that there will be several new sets of colors in Midwest competition for the coming season, and some new horses to face the starter. Most important, there are indications that the ranks of amateur riders will be swelled in as great, if not greater proportion, than was the case in 1953. During the season just past, eight new riders over jumps made their debuts on the cotton and corn circuit, most of them with commendable results.

## Racing Review

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But the leaders came back and there was Arcaro with his horse on top.

Mrs. Edward Lasker's **By Zeus**, under Westrope, suddenly began to move up, with Resistance, his stablemate, right behind. They swept past Joe Jones, and **By Zeus** pulled out to win by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. Resistance was second, Joe Jones, third and Decorated, fourth.

**By Zeus** paid \$12.10 to win and \$12.80 to place as both winner and place horse are trained by Buddy Hirsch. Resistance belongs to the King Ranch.

**By Count Fleet**—Athena, by **Helio**, by **Zeus** was making his second 1954 start, having finished second by a nose in his season's debut.

The San Fernando purse of \$27,900 gives him a total of \$29,400 in '54. Last year he raced 12 times, won 3 and was third in 2, earning \$14,750.

The colt was bred by Mr. and Mrs. Lasker.

## Fair Grounds

The Fair Grounds originally had scheduled a "Mayor's Handicap" for January 16, but later changed it to the **Mississippi Handicap**, probably because they were afraid some people might think it was a race for female horses.

There were no mares in the Mississippi, just one filly, Miss Joanne which ran third and was disqualified.

The W. H. Bishop Stables, Inc., had two representatives in the race. They accounted for first and second money. **Raintree** exhibiting speed all the way, was the winner. The gelded son of **Hypnotist II**, out of Onrita, by Sweep On, lasted to be a head before Pipe of Peace at the end. Miss Joanne was well back in the third spot, which she relinquished, officially, to Futuresque.

Second Avenue, the heavy favorite, tired in the stretch.

**Raintree** is seven years old, and has two wins and a third in three starts this year. The \$3,250 of the Mississippi makes his '54 total \$5,700.

Last year, he won \$7,690, starting 13 times and winning 2 races. He was third twice.

The gelding was bred by C. W. Jones.

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## News From the Studs

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en coated yearling affords an excellent example of the type foals sired by the Easy Mon-Nectarine stallion. Incidentally Mr. Burmester has several offers from the West Coast for Golden Oscar, whose name is symbolic of that trophy show folks strive for annually. "This colt will probably wind up on the West Coast", said Mr. Burmester.

## BIRCH HURDLES

Much interest is centered in Great Britain in the new style of birch hurdles which Lord Lewes, (senior National Hunt Steward), hopes will be tested on many courses to give the trainers and jockeys an opportunity of expressing their view. His lordship gave the opinion that the hurdles (recently semi-officially tried at Hurst Park) would result in hurdle races being run at greater speed, and that the absence of a top-bar will result in horses jumping with more confidence. It is claimed that the adoption of the new type will result in better class horses being put to racing over the minor obstacles.

The possibility of still greater speed, and still more outstanding flat racers "mixing it", naturally recalls the opposition there was from National Hunt stalwarts against so many hurdle races being introduced into steeplechase programs, and from flat race enthusiasts against the practice at most flat race meetings including (until the middle of the last century), one or more hurdle events. One of the leading authorities on National Hunt sport asked exactly seventy years ago:

"What were the objects of the originators of steeplechasing? To ascertain which was the best of a dozen or more hunters, carrying 13 to 14 stone across a natural country. We believe the modern passion for hurdle racing is doing harm. It is a hybrid sort of sport at best, and as mischievous as 5 furlong handicaps, and early 2-year-old races".

That great horseman, the late Mr. Arthur Coventry, a few years later was no more sympathetic towards the then increasingly popular hurdling, when he wrote:

"It would be difficult to justify hurdle-racing as a sport leading to desirable ends. A prominent member of the Jockey Club and National Hunt Committee has remarked: 'The chief merit of hurdle racing is that it does not pretend to have a raison d'être except for gambling, and it answers this purpose admirably. The secret of success is to run the race as if the hurdles were not there'".

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The Christmas season for the Deep Run Hunt was unusually successful. Hounds hunted four days a week during this period for the benefit of the children home for vacation and the weather was particularly kind to us. Actually we only had one bad day and that, unfortunately, was Dec. 21st. when we had Mrs. Dean Bedford as our guest. Mrs. Bedford had been kind enough to come to Virginia to help us launch our Pony Club and stayed over for a day of hunting. Unfortunately the meet was on the very edge of our country, as it was next to a three thousand acre tract where game birds are raised and which is wired and closed to the hunt. To make matters worse, it is a part of the country that abounds in deer and in spite of a strategy that was to include a fast draw away from this critical area, the plan did not work. A deer was found within a few minutes after throwing in. He promptly ran the wrong way and the hunt staff were unable to get to the pack. The result was a long gallop on country roads to the James River where it was found that deer and hounds had crossed into Powhatan County. Huntsman Kenneth Embrey had to take to the truck to retrieve his hounds.

The other meets proved more successful. At least two and sometimes three foxes were hunted and accounted for each day, although deer continued to frequently play their part. On one particularly memorable day after neatly marking a fox to ground, a deer slipped away from Ingleside in view of the pack and ran a straight point of three miles to the Deep Run Hunt Farm. Miss Frances Newbill and Major Bayliss, the Whippers-In and Huntsman Kenneth Embrey, rode as straight as they could after them, including crossing a whopping big plank fence that heretofore had always been avoided. They got to the head of the pack just as the deer ran between the kennels and the hunt stables—all to the great delight of the Embrey children who were cheering their dad from the top of a fence.

But there were plenty of foxes too! On New Years Day, a traditionally large meet, the first fox went to ground after a short fast burst of about half a mile. While the Field was waiting for the huntsman to call his pack away from the den a second fox slipped out of the large covert and this time only the Master, hunt staff and children got off to a good start. This run was a four mile point—at least six as hounds ran. When he was marked those left in the field were mostly children. The others were scattered all over that part of Goochland County.

The day after New Years brought out a Field of about 30. Conditions seemed perfect but hounds drew blank for two hours and finally worked back to where they first met at Meadowview Farm. Here a grey was found which behaved in a very respectable manner. He went straight through Fullstream Farm, headed south to Hebron Church and back to Fox Hill. Although there were many who were riding tired horses, which had been out the day before, they stayed close to the pack. One of the first flighters was Curtis, a 12-year-old colored boy riding Dr. Jimmie Hughes' chestnut horse. The Deep Run always encourages participation by local residents, and when the pace thins out the field, the order of precedence is those who can best stay with hounds.

Huntsman Kenneth Embrey has made outstanding progress in handling a pack that he only came to when the cub hunting season was well under way. They draw well under complete discipline. They hark forward quickly when a fox is found and as he and the Master have eliminated many hounds this season that were too slow, too fast or otherwise not up to standard, the now reduced pack shows promise of giving very good sport for the rest of the season. To help bring this about the fox population is greater than ever before. There are probably six reds for every grey and the only real difficulty is that there is also a large deer population. However, the hunt staff feel that by complete control of the pack, by rigid discipline and some hard riding they can lick this problem.

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Saturday, January 2, twenty-six couples of the Cheshire mixed pack moved off from the meet at the Kennels to find a fox immediately in the Chesterland Swamp. For almost 30 minutes this fox ran in circles around the Upland Woods over to Pinkerton's and back to Upland. Then suddenly went away to the south side of this covert leaving Upland Inn to his right. Hounds ran well together on a not-too-good-scent over the MacFarland fields, past the Donaldsons to the London Grove Swamp. From the London Grove Swamp hounds swung south and drove their fox well over Mr. Cowdin's Hicks farm on to Mr. Roland Sharpless' property. At the top of Sharpless' hill, above Mrs. Dora Snyder's hounds made an out, but a halloo came from the southwest corner of the Hicks meadow and no time was lost picking up the line. All through Mr. Cowdin's woods hounds gave good cry. They were fairly close to their fox and pushed him to ground in Mr. Wood's field, just west of the Cowdin Woods. This hunt was over an hour of excellent hound work and the last part gave the field a nice gallop. As hounds marked their fox to ground 5 couples of old bitches were sent home in a jeep. The day had been just right for them—not too fast, reasonably short, requiring their wealth of experience with emphasis on scenting ability.

After a sandwich at the earth, hounds found again in Taylor's Wood (sometimes known as Cowdin's west pasture) but this fox ducked in after a short burst. However everyone had had a full day and the decision was made to call it a day.

Tuesday, January 5—A smallish Field moved off from the meet at Mosquito Lane to see 18½ couples of bitches draw Herb Waters Woods and Trimble's Hollow blank before finding a really good fox in McCauley's. This fox ran due west down wind for 25 minutes before these driving bitches rolled her over in Bobby Cochran's meadow at Cochranville. —Sandon

**SHEEP DOG VERSUS FOXES**

Recently a British farmer's collie dislodged an outlying fox from some rough grass, coursed it and pulled it down before it reached the fence at the bottom of the field. The farmer is a hunting man, and would as soon have a thought of destroying his grandmother as he would of hurting a fox. He was, what he termed "putten about" and full of regret over the incident, but said "That

sheep dog had done what very few foxhounds would do—tackle a fox, and killed it single-handed". Probably there is at least one hound in every pack which will pull down a fox without waiting for the moral support, assistance or jealousy arousing of the remainder of the pack. Such hounds, with high courage, and of independent action, are not numerous.

There are many instances on record of shepherd dogs running foxes in full view, and speedily overtaking and killing them, sometimes in a very short distance and after a very short combat. It may be the old, latent wolf-hatred and flock-protecting instinct in them, and the knowledge that their long hair is a protection, and their teeth as effective as those of the animal they pursue. Many sheep dogs have tremendous speed, and they are usually fit in wind and limb. Moreover, most of them have more intelligence than almost any other animal, and in addition as much cunning as a fox.

There was an illustration of this quite recently in Eskdale. Mr. W. Dalgleish was out shepherding when a fox jumped up. The farmer's dog saw it, and at once set off in pursuit. There is an old saying amongst foxhunters "A fox burst in the first five minutes will soon hear whoo-whoop!" Finding the collie was gaining on him this Eskdale fox leaped on to the parapet of a bridge spanning the river Esk, and dived the 40 feet into the depth of Smiddy Pool. The dog did not follow, but thought and acted quickly. It reached the river bank through a fence at the end of the bridge, and as he no doubt expected, saw the fox swimming, but to the far side of the water. Jumping into the river, the sheep-dog seized the fox by the neck. Whether the latter, or both would have been drowned can only be conjectured. The fox was as powerful a swimmer as the dog, and the water was too deep for either to effectively attack the other. When Mr. Dalgleish came on the scene, and came near enough, he thought it wise to intervene and killed the fox.

—J. Fairfax-Blakeborough

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and was well known in the world of horsemen. He was 76 years old and passed away at Sheridan, Wyoming, on December 10, 1953. Mrs. Dunning, a son, a grandson and three great-grandchildren survive him.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. E. M. Daniels

Birney, Montana

**"Fine Spirit"**

Dear Sir:

I always enjoy the editorials of The Chronicle as well as its entirety, but I want to compliment you especially in this week's issue "The Manger". That was very thoughtful and exemplified a fine spirit.

I am a member of a rather small hunt in Chester County, "The Bellwood" about 10 miles below Pottstown; was a member of Lieut. Commander Ely's Hunt "Up Country in Lehigh County" before his untimely demise.

Wishing you the Seasons Greetings, I am

Sincerely Yours,

Clarence S. Shelly

December 27, 1953

Emmaus, Pennsylvania



# In the Country



## PRESENTATION

The members of the Oak Brook Hounds made a token presentation at Christmas of a trompe de chasse to each of the Joint-Masters, **Theodore Mohlman** and **Paul Butler**, as a mark of appreciation for the sport they have made possible. The trompes des chasses, the ancient tuneful French hunting horns, are being hand made by an old trumpet maker in Paris, France, and will not be delivered for several weeks. Of course, we don't expect the Joint-Masters to carry these in the field, but we may have some horn music on special occasions. Major S. R. Rosenthal had the idea and, through his connections in Paris, arranged to have the horns made. Mrs. Henry J. Stephens advanced the payment and is handling the collection. —N. E. A.

## TIM DURANT MARRIED IN IRELAND

Courtown House, Kilcock, County Kildare, the Irish residence of Mr. John Huston, director of "Moulin Rouge", "The Maltese Falcon", and other well-known films, provided a colourful wedding reception on Saturday, 9th. January, when the Kildare Hounds held a lawn meet after the ceremony.

The bridegroom, Mr. Tim Durant, a 54-year-old former New York stockbroker, played the part of The General in "The Red Badge of Courage", which was directed by Mr. Huston some years ago.

His bride was 31-year-old Mary Bacon, a former New York reporter. Both were married before and came from Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, as guests in Courtown House. They were married in the diningroom by Rev. E. Savell Hicks. The bridegroom was in scarlet hunting coat and Mrs. Huston, the Matron of Honour, was also in hunting costume, in readiness for the day's sport.

About 150 people, mounted and on foot, attended the Lawn-meet, which was held after the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston have been hunting regularly with the Kildares since they came to live in Ireland, and have had a few days with other well-known Irish packs . . . Stanislaus Lynch.

## V. H. S. A. MEETING

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Virginia Horse Shows Association the following rules were decided upon for the 1954 show season.

Junior classes are limited to horses only and these horses cannot be shown in any other division in the same show unless said horse or horses are ridden

by a junior. Special classes and classes that do not count toward any hunter or jumper championship are expected.

The association will give a small hunter high score award this year in place of the owner-rider award.

The VHSA equitation class will be run differently. Entries for the event shall be made as usual but the riders will be judged throughout the show instead of in just one class as done previously. By doing this the board hoped that it would give the children a better chance to show their ability and also eliminate a lengthy class from the show's usually crowded schedule.



(Belmont Photo)

**Bryce Wing** re-elected president of the United Steeplechase and Hunt Assn. The organization plans to change the International Steeplechase, held each spring at Belmont Park, into an international weight-for-age event for the 1954 running.

## HUNT CLUB DATES

Hunt clubs are beginning to get their spring events lined up and two point-to-point dates have already been selected which will draw entries from the prospective timber ranks. Piedmont Point-to-Point will be held March 27 at Paul Mellon's Rokeby Farm near Upperville, Va. while Mrs. John Hannum, III has sent along the same date for Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds Point-to-Point at Unionville, Chester County, Pa. Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club, which also cards a spring race meeting, will hold its annual hunter trials and colt show at Media, Pa. on April 3.

## 3-DAY EVENT PREPARATION

The first meeting of the newly-formed "Castletown Equestrian and Hunter Trials Society" was held at Messrs. Darley and Co.'s offices, 30/31 Kildare Street, Dublin, on Thursday, 21st. January.

Major M. W. Beaumont, M.F.H. Kildare Hunt, is President. The trials are

held in his hunting area. Lord Carew, who kindly placed his estate, Castletown, Celbridge, County Kildare, at the disposal of the organizing committee, is Chairman. Lt.-Col. J. H. Dudgeon, is Director of Courses. The Committee is representative of all parts of Ireland.

The full title, "The Castletown Olympic Training and Hunter Trials Society, Ltd", is self-explanatory. It will be a big advance towards preparing a Three-Day-Event team for the 1956 Olympic Games. When we sent our first team to Helsinki the whole work of organizing, training and financing it fell on the shoulders of a few enthusiasts, and the over-worked riders, who should have been given freedom to concentrate on training, had to devote much of their energy to the daily worries and chores of organization.

Last year's One-Day-Event was an overwhelming success. The Hunter Trials Championship which followed it gave great encouragement for the future and showed us that we have plenty of good raw material; for, the trials were held over the permanent fences of the Olympic course, and 78 horses, straight from the Irish hunting-field, and without any special training whatever, jumped the course like stags.

Unlike our previous effort, our team for the next Olympic Games, will go into training with the comforting assurance that it has a worth-while equestrian organization behind it . . . Stanislaus Lynch.

## OAK BROOK HOUNDS

Faithful followers of the hounds—The 10 members, except Staff, for number of times out with hounds through January 3, 1954, are: 1. Mrs. Henry J. (Miriam) Stephens, hound exercises 27 times; Cub hunts, 19 times, Formal Hunts, 34 times; Total, 80. 2. Mrs. Ted (Vivian) Bachman, Jr., 9-25-33-total, 67; 3. Gen. Roy D. Keehn, Jr., 25-24-16—total, 63; 4. Miss Sally Moeling, 4-24-28—total, 56; 5. Frank R. Erskine, 21-5-29—total, 55; 6. Miss Martha Stephens, 14-9-24—total, 47; 7. Wade Smith-15-14-14—total, 43; 8. Miss Judith Landis-0-12-27—total 39; 9. James Kraml-0, 10, 28—total, 38; 10. William Allbright -6-16-14—total, 36.

## EDGE HILL HORSE SHOW

Prior to World War II one of the most attractive horse shows in Eastern Virginia was the Edge Hill Horse Show held at Edge Hill Farm, Aylett, Virginia, home of Mrs. George Leslie.

Mrs. Leslie has announced that the show will be held in June of 1954 with a well balanced program for the exhibitors. One of the most attractive aspects of the show, not often found in the Eastern United States, is the no entry fee for all classes other than stake classes. Imported tack will be given in all classes other than the stakes and a free luncheon to the exhibitors will be held on the grounds at noon of the show day.

The show will be a member of the Virginia Horse Shows Association.

—Sumpter Priddy

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## DICK JONES, TAILOR

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## Cover Is Excellent Work Of The Young Artist, Pamela Edwards

Pamela Edwards, daughter of Brigadier Bertram Edwards, grew up at Aldenham House in Herefordshire, England. Coming from a fox hunting family she hunted as a youngster with many of the British packs, members of which started commissioning her to paint their hunters when she was only 16. Later she studied painting in both London and Paris. During the war she married Squadron Leader Cecil Edwards. They came to Canada in 1947 and now live at Ste-Adele-en-Haut in the Laurentian Mountains.

In addition to equestrian subjects she has painted several portraits of people including a portrait of the Queen which is being hung in the Parliament Buildings in Quebec. She has also painted many equestrian commissions in Canada as well as in England. Some of her most successful work has been in painting hunting scenes in the tradition of Fernley's "scurrys". Our cover picture shows such a scene, the background being typical of the country hunted by the Lake of Two Mountains Hunt in the Province of Quebec. It is an excellent example of the work of this young artist.

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### PIEDMONT FOX HOUNDS

It was a real get together when Piedmont Fox Hounds met on Jan. 8 at Bolingbroke, home of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Lightner. With 25 in the Field and as many spectators, people crowded into the beautiful old house, where in true southern style Mrs. Lightner had a groaning board with good things to eat and drink. The house originally belonged to the Glascock family. The widow of State Senator Tom Glascock sold the house to the Lightners some few years ago. The Lightners had spent 27 years in Hawaii, but like all good Virginians they settled here when the Doctor retired. In the Field over from Orange County were George Ohrstrom with his daughter Mrs. William Crane, Mrs. George Garrett, and Mrs. Stephen Clark. From Middleburg were Mrs. Christopher Greer, Jack Skinner and John Logan. From Warrenton came Mrs. Robert Winnill, who the previous Wednesday was acting Master of the Warrenton Hunt and gave the Field one of the best days of the season. Among Piedmont members were Mrs. Archie Randolph, Paul Mellon and Miss Betty Carter Fletcher. Joint-Master, Dulany Randolph, had as his guest Charles Stitzer from Southern Pines—Hounds moved off over one of the loveliest farms in the Piedmont country. —Hilltopper

### CAPT. MICHAEL TUBRIDY

Capt. Michael Tubridy, who was one of the Irish Army Team riders during the team's recent visit to America and Canada, is to retire from the Army service. His new post will be as manager of Joseph McGrath's well-known Trimblestown Stud, at Trim, Co. Meath Ireland.

The 30-year-old cavalryman was formerly a well-known athlete; a member of the Co. Cork Hurling XV. He entered the Army in 1941 and served with the 31st Infantry Battalion stationed at Ballycollig, Cork. Entering the equestrian School in 1945, he quickly made his

mark, and in the Royal Dublin Society's Show in 1946 he won the individual championship.

Winner of some 30 personal awards in the show field, he won the Country Life Cup at White City, London in 1949. In that year he also annexed the \$1,000 international stake at The National Horse Show in New York. Back at the same show the following year, he captured the international individual championship. On the continent he distinguished himself on several occasions, winning the championship at Nice, France. In 1951 he won the West Point Challenge Trophy at The National Horse Show. A highlight of many horse shows on the continent was his keen rivalry with the British rider, Lt. Col. Harry Llewellyn.

Capt. Tubridy's last appearance was with the Irish Army Team in America during the 1953 fall tour.

Lt. Col. Harry Llewellyn



(Morgan Photo)

Stephen C. Clark, Jr., vice-president of the N.S.H.A., who is sailing for Europe in February in order to line up a contingent of horses from England, Ireland and France to compete in the international weight-for-age steeplechase to be run in 1954.

### NEW N. S. H. A. MEMBERS

The stewards of the National Steeplechase & Hunt Association have elected Mrs. G. H. Bostwick, John McNamee Sullivan and Edward R. Stettinius, 3rd to membership in the association. Mrs. Bostwick races a stable of jumpers at the major tracks and her horses are trained by her husband, the well known "Pete" Bostwick. Mr. Sullivan has been chairman of the Adjacent Hunts Race Committee since 1951. One of the most popular hunt meetings in the east, this association holds a 1-day race meeting every May at the Blind Brook Polo Club in Purchase, N. Y. Mr. Sullivan was recently named New York representative on the hunts committee of the N. S. H. A. Mr. Stettinius has been a supporter of the hunt meetings and is Joint-Master of the Orange County Hunt.

### UNITED HUNTS MEETING

The annual directors meeting of the United Hunts Racing Association was held January 13 in New York City. The officers unanimously re-elected were Amory L. Haskell, president; Robert C. Winnill, vice-president; James Cox Brady, secretary-treasurer and W. Helen Eden, assistant secretary. Chris Wood, Jr. was re-appointed field director.

Last year the UHRA inaugurated a

point system whereby \$6,600 was awarded to owners of hurdle, brush and timber horses scoring the most points in each division. The directors voted to continue these awards and the winners of divisional awards will also receive trophies to be presented at a luncheon during the annual United Hunts race meeting at Belmont Park.

The sporting organization also announced a plan of participation in the "Turf Exhibit" to be held in the Miami Beach Auditorium February 6-11. Hunt racing, starting its spring agenda at Southern Pines, N. C. in March, will be featured in the exhibit.

New members elected during the meeting were Miss Laura Franklin, F. R. White, Burford Danner and William Schlusemeyer. The latter member owns Broadview, scene of the annual Virginia Gold Cup renewal.

### DOWNED BUT UNHURT

There are many times when horsemen marvel at apparently calamitous accidents involving horses which result in no injury. Maybe if these instances received more notice than the occasions where injuries do occur, the general public would not look upon riding as being so dangerous.

One of these spectacular accidents occurred during the Junior Horse Show, Toronto, Can., on January 2. After the resulting melee was sorted out, it was learned that no one got even a scratch.

The Sifton's arena, a large one where the show was held, had about 1/4 of its length marked off with 6'-0" high wings to form a hitching ring for all the horses and ponies at the show. Spectators crowded behind these wings to watch the competition and a number of horses and ponies were tied to or held behind this barrier awaiting later events.

Alice Scott's horse, competing in the novice jumper, got his signals mixed and tackled this barrier. Over he went into the crowd of people, horses and ponies. About ten people and a pony were knocked down as horse, rider and wings turned over in a cloud of dust. There was a frantic scramble, yet when all got to their feet and brushed themselves off, no one, including the horse or pony, was hurt! One little girl, struck by the heavy wing, had her wind knocked out but in a few moments was fine.

Doubtless the fact that everyone was well bundled up against the cold helped account for no one being hurt, but it was something at which to marvel.

—A. D. R.

### LIGHTFOOT IS GONE

Lightfoot, the first hunter of Mrs. Thomas B. (Esther) Healy, ruptured a tendon while hunting on Dec., 5 and had to be put away. Lightfoot had a special place in Esther's heart, even though she has been riding her Thoroughbred Kilarney most of the time for the past few years.

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